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Second round hint, but 'not against her'

Hurd ready to throw his hat into the ring

By PHILIP WEBSTER and ROBIN OAKLEY

DOUGLAS Hurd yesterday upset the Conservative leadership calculations by confirming that he could enter the contest if Mrs Thatcher were no longer a candidate.

His accompanying declaration that if she won she must consult the whole cabinet over Europe sig-nalled that her colleagues are determined to alter her style of conducting the cabinet. Senior ministers also want her to consult them before carrying on if she fails to win outright

next Tuesday.

Asked yesterday if he was ruling out standing for the leadership himself, the foreign secretary replied pointedly, "against her". The admission will encourage those who want neither Mrs Thatcher nor Downing Street to abstain.

sought to exploit Mr Hurd's remarks. He said: "If people ON OTHER PAGES Two pages of reports and analysis ... 2, 3

. page 10 ng article... page 11 better leader than myself, they have to vote for me in the first round because that is the

that Douglas has a chance." In Scotland, Mr Heseltine returned to the attack, holding out the possibility of income tax and poll tax cuts. He said that economic growth of 2 per cent a year, worth an annual £4 billion, would more than cover the cost of transferring education spending to the central exchequer and provide the opportunity for income

Mr Hurd's remarks were the first public inkling that min-

Buoyant Thatcher in Enniskillen

By EDWARD GORMAN, IRISH AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

Northern Ireland where she over Lahour. This said wind survivors of the Enniskillen all the other recent polls. Remembrance Day bombing.

Throughout the visit, which Tuesday's elections. While she made no attempt to raise the leadership issue herself, wella tour of a shopping centre in Enniskillen, the prime minister thanked one member of the public for his good wishes and crossed fingers on both her hands, wishing herself good luck.

Earlier in response to a question, she made clear her belief that she will defeat Michael Heseltine. "I believe we shall win and I hope we shall win well," she said. Sources close to her suggested that she was not too concerned about the opinion poll pub-

PowerGen

chairman

resigns

By MARTIN WALLER

THE government faced fur-

Rover chairman, takes over. No reasons for Mr Malpas's

directors apparently left the

energy secretary with little

alternative but to ask for his

resignation.

MARGARET Thatcher did lished in The Times yesterday her re-election chances no which showed that under Mr harm yesterday by fulfilling a Heseltine, the Conservatives long-standing commitment to would transform a four-point

Hosting the visit, Peter Brooke, the Northern Ireland also took her to a number of secretary, took the opportulocations in the greater Belfast mity to nail his colours to the area, she seemed relaxed and mast publicty for the first confident and betrayed no time. He said he was conapparent sign of anxiety about vinced Mrs Thatcher would had yet to take soundings at wishers frequently greeted her minister has been here many with cries of "Good luck times in the past and the Maggie". At one point, during prime minister will come (back) many times in the future," he said. "The prime minister is going to win on Tuesday," he added.

The visit; conducted in driving wind and rain, was Mrs Thatcher's first to the province this year. It gave her the opportunity to sound off in characteristically defiant terms about the IRA.

In Enniskillen she met survivors and relatives of those killed in the IRA Remembrance Day bombing three years ago.

prospect of the prime minister not coming through. They hope and expect that she will defeat Mr Heseltine but would not want her to face the humiliation of leading a party in which she had lost majority support. They accept that it will be her decision whether to fight on if she fails to gain the requisite 56-vote majority. But they would expect her to consult them and not announce immediately from Paris, where she will be at the Conference on Security and most likely way of ensuring Tuesday, that she will contest the second ballot. Cabinet ministers have all

made clear that they would never stand against the prime minister, but Mr Hurd might throw his hat into the ring if Mrs Thatcher withdrew. Yesterday, he told a news conference in Leeds: "You cannot get into a position where you say I am going to support somebody for the dership this week but not next and that my support runs out on Tuesday'. That is not the position. I believe that she is the right person to lead this country and to lead this party so I support Mrs Thatcher, full stop." But asked: "Under no circumstances then, will you stand?" Mr Hard replied:

Tory MPs regarded Mr Hurd's call for cabinet discussion over Europe as equally important. He said in Batley: "When this contest is over, the prime minister and the cabinet will want to con-side flow to those through the of pur policy on Emilies together unmistability and

rally the party and the country behind us." It is understood that both Mr Hurd and Mr Major would like the cabinet to have a fresh discussion on economic and monetary unconference next month.

Mr Major yesterday issued a statement calling on MPs to back the prime minister. He described Mrs Thatcher as "one of this country's most successful peace-time prime ministers" and "a political leader of authority, who commands respect throughout the world. At home, her leadership has brought about im-mense changes and has helped transform our economy." Her qualities of clarity, purpose and vigour had secured the Tories victory in three successive general elections and were meeded by the party today. "We should all unite and

Inflation will begin to slow down next month

support her."

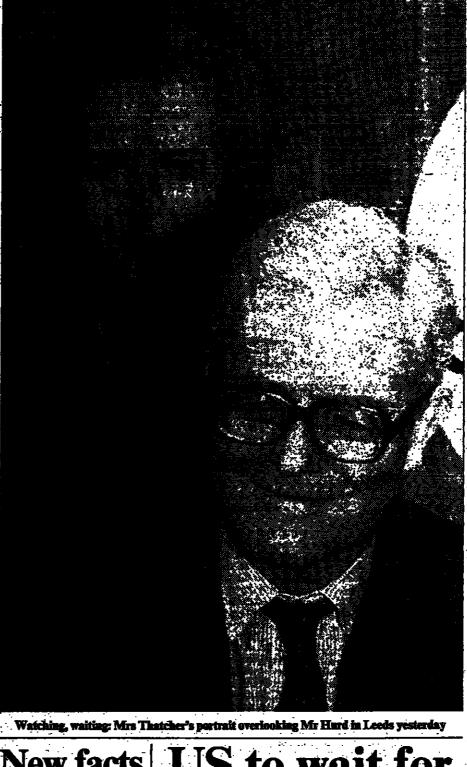
By Anatole Kaletsky, economics editor

came a serious possibility yesterday, after the govern-ment announced that Britain's inflation had steaded at 10.9 privatisation of the power industry with the departure of Robert Malpas, chairman of the electricity generator Pow-erGen. Sir Graham Day, the per cent last month. Although still running at the highest rate for eight years, a sharp deceleration is certain to show in next month's figures, due out on December 14. departure were given, but a series of disputes with other

This fall which will probably take the annual inflation rate back into single figures, ideal opportunity to cut interest rates. A pre-Christmas Full report, page 33 cut would not only help to

A FURTHER cut in interest sustain consumer confidence rates before Christmas be- in the face of the recession, it would also guarantee further declines in the mortgage component of the RPL While the government has

been drawing attention to the so-called underlying inflation rate, which excludes mortgage rates and the poll tax, the the headline figure. Even the underlying rate, which rose from 8.3 per cent to 8.4 per cent in October could improve next month because of the recent fall in petrol prices.



New facts US to wait for may clear THE United States appeared

By CRAIG SETON AND STEWART TENDLER

THE release of the six men convicted of the 1974 in which 21 people died, could be imminent following new evidence given to their solic-itors by the government's forensic science service, which is said to cast doubt on their

original convictions.

The new evidence is expected to put pressure on Allan Greene, QC, the Direc-tor of Public Prosecutions, to decide that the forthcoming second appeal by the six men, who were jailed for life in 1975, should not be contested. Ivan Geffen, the solicitor for Gerard Hunter, one of the six, said last night he had received the forensic science service report this week. "It is dynamite. It not only con-cludes that no one can be certain that any of these mea handled explosives, it also expresses some surprise at the

way the Court of Appeal reacted to the forensic evi-dence given to it." Hunter's legal team is considering whether an appli-cation should be made for him to be granted bail pending a decision on whether the new appeal should be contested. Some of the six have made it clear that they would be willing to leave prison only when they were acquitted and

their names cleared. ● The Crown Prosecution members of the disbanded West Midlands serious crime squad. The files are the first to be drawn up by the West Yorkshire police investigation into the squad and could lead

yesterday willing to wait less the message got through to another two weeks for a Baghdad that force was a United Nations Security credible option, "we are really Council resolution giving pessimistic". authorisation to use force in America needed to lay the

the Gulf. At the same time a foundations of war if it wanted senior Soviet envoy said that to achieve a peaceful dip-if such a resolution was lomatic solution. "If you are passed, military action should not going to rule out force as an option, you must at the begin immediately. James Baker, the US Secvery least lay the foundation, retary of State, said in Brussels that no decision had yet been politically and militarily for the use of force," he added. taken on whether or when to He said that America and seek such a resolution. Amerithe Soviet Union still had a common position on Iraqi

can officials said the US wanted to push for a vote before the end of the month, and was confident it would obtain at least the necessary nine votes. Previous reports had suggested that the US might want a vote within days. In London Whitehall sources said that discussions among the allies were at an early stage and Britain had not yet

Yevgeny Primakov, Mos-cow's principal interlocator with President Saddam Hussein, again underlined the Soviet view that the security council should not take such a step until a final negotiating effort had been taken. "We should use up all possibilities for a political solution before force," he said in an interview with the New York Times.

formed a view.

Mr Primakov also said that once a security council resolution was passed, war should begin immediately. "If there is to be a security council resolu-tion on military force, then you should act immediately. If you adopt it without action you send the wrong signal. I'm not for bluffing with dangerous things," he said. Mr Baker issued a further

warning that America was ready to use force if Iraq did not withdraw from Kuwait. After talks with the European

shape of Soviet Union From Mary Dejevsky IN MOSCOW THE future shape and direction of the Soviet Union hung in the balance last night as an emergency session of the Soviet parliament was exrepeated calls for the central government to resign. Informed predictions suggested that by next week the Soviet Union would be gov-

Future

erned either by an "anti-crisis committee" in place of the present government or that it would be placed under direct presidential rule. The highly charged session, which was opened by President Gorbachev, heard Boris Yeltsin, the Russian Federa-

tion president, demand the dissolution of the government of Nikolai Ryzhkov, the prime minister, and propose an "anti-crisis committee" to govern an increasingly ungovernable country. It also heard public statements from three of the Soviet Union's 15 republics that they had no intention of remaining in the Soviet Union whatever de-

Mr Yeltsin's proposal subsequently gained widespread represented 14 of the Soviet republics, all its autonomous areas and several parliamentary committees. Only Lithuamia, one of the three Baltic states intent on seceding from the Soviet Union, sent no delegate. The other two, Estonia and Latvia, along with the trans-Caucasian republic of Georgia, took the opportunity to state publicly their objections to the proposed new union treaty, which is intended to provide for a looser

President Gorbachev's 90minute address on the state of the country, which had been demanded by an irate par-liament on Wednesday, was an unusually lackiustre call for discipline and action, though precisely what sort of action was unspecified. There was much hostile barracking and deputies across the political spectrum criticised the speech for lack of substance.

held out the prospect of reshuffles in the government and the army high command "in the next 10 days", he said he had no plans for a change in the government structure until the new union treaty was signed, at which point he Continued on page 24, col 1

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Milli Vanilli unmasked as Phoney Baloney



Secret out: Pilat ...

From Charles Bremner IN NEW YORK

SUCCESS clearly went to the heads of Milli Vanilli, the ble pop duo who recently claimed to be better than Elvis, Dylan or the Beatles. After topping the American charts over the past two years, they asked their manager to let them put their own performances on disc and he sacked them.

Their biggest success, "Girl you know it's true", sold seven million copies and carned international standom and the 1989 Grammy Award for best debut album for the pair, whose real names are Rob Pilatus and Fab Morvan, Television and newspapers yesterday had fun renaming the duo "Phoney Baloney".
Milli Vanilli's troubles

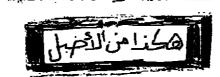
began when they told Frank Parian, their West German producer, that they wanted to use their own voices for a follow-up album. "I said, "No, I don't go for that"," Mr Farian explained in Munich. He recruited the duo, one from the French Caribbean and the other a German-American, when they asked for work after he had already recorded the future hit record with studio musicians. "It suddenly clicked in my mind, and it was kind of evident: I had the music, there were the people who wanted to per-form outside, and I said.

Hey, let's put that together and make a great record out

In Los Angeles, Pilatus said they were relieved their years have been a total nightmare. We are true singers but that maniac Frank Farian would never allow us to express ourselves." The Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences said it

was likely the pair would be stripped of their Grammy, but Ansta records, who market Milli Vanilli in America, did not find it very significant "Embarrassing?" said a spokesman. "I don't mean the end justifies the means, but we sold seven million





Unions reject wage pact to help defeat inflation

UNIONS gave a strong warning yesterday that they would not agree to a wage restraint pact to help the government out of its economic difficulties. The message came as 32,000 Ford workers learnt that they would be receiving an inflation-breaking 13.4 per cent pay rise from next week.

Ron Todd, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, speaking after the announcement that inflation was still running at 10.9 per cent, said: "Let me make this union's position crystai clear once more. We stand for protecting our members' standard of living and that means securing inflationplus pay increases wherever possible."

In response to government calls that unions should take wage cuts to avoid unemployment, he said: "They know and we all know that working people are the casualties of inflation, not its cause. Do they really think our members they really think our members will pay the price for their failure and let them sail on in government, blithely into the blue?"

The Ford workers, who traditionally set the pace for the winter pay round, bene-fited from the second phase of

anteed them rises of 2.5 per cent above yesterday's retail price index of 10.9 per cent. The government now faces the prospect of other workers regarding the Ford settlement

as a target figure.

John Hougham, Ford's director of personnel, said yesterday that when the deal was negotiated, the expecta-tion from all sides was that inflation would be running at between 5.5 and 6.5 per cent. seen against the background of at least five years of continu-ous and substantial improvement on the shop floor.

Jimmy Airlie, chief motor industry negotiator for the



Amalgamated Engineering enter into discussions on wage Union, said: "We very restraint in return for a form successfully negotiated a deal of protection against the pros-pect of heavy job losses as a result of joining the European to protect our members from inflation. The government caused inflation and we caexchange-rate mechanism.

He said: "People should not

tered for it." Ford, he said, reported record pre-tax profits of £1.5 billion between 1987 and 1989 and sent back £1.1 billion back to America in dividends. "If John Major or anyone else thinks that we are prepared to see our members' living standards fall and at the same time allow American shareholders to pocket company profits, they had better think again."

He said that now that Britain had joined the European exchange-rate mecha-nism unions would inevitably be looking at European compay and productivity.

Government hopes of con-trolling wages suffered a further blow when Bill Morris, deputy general secretary of the transport workers' union, said the movement would reject any sort of wase restraint pact with the government or the CBI to bring down inflation. His warning was a damaging blow to some other senior

nbers of the TUC general

council, who have indicated that they would be prepared to

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the English courts.

comparability, fairness, the employer's ability to pay,

yard at Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, have been told that

up to 1,500 jobs will be lost

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run away with the idea that there is going to be some sort of wage restraint pact with the CBI and the government. One of my basic principles is that you should not offer what you cannot deliver. Unions could not deliver a rigid pay norm any more than the CBI could dancy policy from its "We are aware of the dan-gers of inflation, but we have been in the past. We will continue to bargain responsibly with employers, taking into account the full range of relevant factors, including labour market influences and the cost of living." • Workers at Vickers shipfrom its 13,300 workforce next year, partly because the order for Trident submarines is

Star quality: Stephanic Denonancourt modelling an emerald and diamond ring, part of the Ava Gardner Collection that is to be sold at Sotheby's next Wednesday and on December 10. The ring is expected to fetch £120,000 to £150,000

Long haul in fight for equal pay

PAMELA Endersby, a speech therapist in Bristol, has spent the last five-and-ahalf years trying to secure equal pay with clinical psychologists and hospital armacists who undergo similiar training but earn much more on qualifying.

Her case is an example of the lengthy and muddled legal battles that the Equal Opportunities Commission

wants to end.
"My main concern is that the law should be changed,"
Dr Endersby said. "I have experienced years of frustration, stress and effort and I am still awaiting the outcome of my appeal against an industrial tribunal

Last year the tribunal ruled that the pay differential - up to 60 per cent at senior levels - was justified under the 1970 Equal Pay Act because it stemmed from different parts of the Whitley Council bargaining machinery, none of which were

Dr Endersby, backed by the commission and the Manufacturing, Science and Finance union, argued that separate collective bargainunequal pay and that following rulings by the European Court of Justice and the House of Lords, employers had to prove that bargaining agreements were appropriate and necessary to meet an objective that was not to do with sex.

"I am still facing a legal

As the Equal Opportunities Commission campaigns to make it easier for women to claim equal pay, Ray Clancy

examines two cases that are still continuing after years of legal battles

same warehouse.

two years later their case was

to hear their case after three

Appeal Court judges ruled in

1987 that European equal

muddle and it is extremely frustrating," she said. "It is almost impossible for a woman to bring a case like

"The cost involved means you need to have some backing and the personal stress can be great. There is no political will to make the law work." Dr Endersby, who has a

Phd in speech and language sciences, said that speech therapists, who were mostly women, took four years qualifying to degree level, as did clinical psychologists and pharmacists, who were

Before the tribunal her lawyers argued that the £12,500 a year salary of a speech therapist trailed far behind the £15,000 of a clinical psychologist and £16,000 for a hospital

Although the work is similar speech therapists do not have a reasonable career structure. We are ignored because most of us are women," she said.

In 1984 five women who worked for Freemans, the mail order catalogue company in Peterborough, began

In 1988 the case was referred to the Lords where it

was decided that the women were entitled to seek the same wages as men for different work of equal their battle for an extra £4 a Renee Pickstone, one of week to bring their pay in line with men working in the

the women involved but who no longer works at the warehouse, said: "We just At a tribunal in Cambridge want the chance to prove our claim that we received less rejected. Today they are still waiting for a second tribunal money than men doing a similiar job. "Each of us were involved

in taking the orders and distributing them. The men would actually unload them from the lorries and take them inside but in practice our work was of equal value, "It has been and still is a

hard fight. But I would encourage anyone in the same position to go for it. It is a great pity the law is not supportive at the moment," June O'Dell, the commission's chairman, said that the need to simplify pay and

discrimination laws was

becoming more urgent by the "The legislative boundand more and more cases are going to the European court. This will become an avalanche unless we get clearer and more comprehensive legislation," she said.

Freemans said yesterday that it did not want to comment on the case as it was still being considered.

BSkyB must halt transmissions on BSB satellite

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Sky Broadcasting said that it would carefully must discontinue transmitting on BSB's high-definition Marconsider the implications of BSkyB's application. co Polo satellite, the Indepen-dent Broadcasting Authority The ITC, angered that the (IBA) has ruled.

BSB shareholders did not seek its consent before the merger. The IBA said yesterday that could rule under the 1990 the merger between BSB and Broadcasting Act that the BSB Sky constituted a serious directors who negotiated the deal are not "fit and proper" breach of its programme contract with BSB. It will not persons to hold a licence. terminate the contract until Reed International, Granada Pearson and Chargeurs own 50 per cent of BSkyB, and BSB subscribers have had their squarial satellite dishes replaced by the Astra dishes News International holds 50 used by Sky. The IBA will set a termination date after further ITC will award BSkyB its discussions with BSB. BSkyB licence only if directors of the planned to switch gradually all BSB board associated with the transmissions to the Astra merger resign from BSkyB.

satellite anyway.

The shadow Independent It is believed that litigation would be sure to follow an Television Commission ITC decision not to award (ITC), which replaces the IBA BSkyB with a programme in January, is empowered to licence, although an outright refusal is thought unlikely. In decide whether or not it will issue the new BSkyB a nonthat event, BSkyB would be forced to move its head-quarters outside the UK, domestic satellite licence. It where ITC regulation would not apply. BSkyB could still transmit to Britain but Sky News, which requires a UK

base, would be damaged. The ITC has said that it will seek proposals as soon as possible for the use of the BSB frequencies, which it controls.

Under the terms of BSB's programme contract, it can also force BSkyB to sell the Marco Polo satellite at a "fair market price". BSB, which owns the satellite, would not be able to move it for use elsewhere.

IRA funeral deaths man cleared

The appeal court in Belfast yesterday quashed the convic-tion of a man jailed for 15 years for his part in the attack on two army corporals at an IRA funeral in March 1988.

Sir Brian Sutton, Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland, said there was not sufficient evidence to sustain the conviction against Sean Len-non, of Bingnian Drive, west Belfast, of falsely imprisoning David Howes.

Corporal Howes and Corporal David Wood were abducted, besten and then shot dead after they strayed into the path of the funeral in Andersonstown.

Attackers jailed

Two men who crippled security guards with a machete and a shotgun were jailed yesterday for a total of 42 years at Manchester Crown Court. Steven Julien, aged 26, of Cheetham, Manchester, was jailed for 22 years after admitting robbery, attempted murder and wounding. Chinadu Iheagwara, aged 22, also of Cheetham, was sentenced to 20 years for robbery. and wounding both guards.

Sunday appeal The B&Q do-it-yourself chain was given permission by the

House of Lords yesterday to present its case for Sunday trading. The Lords' decision, bypassing the Court of Appeal, follows injunctions in the High Court banning Sunday opening at the company's branches in Stoke-on-Trent and Norwich. The appeal, which is seen as a test case. should be heard in the first

Murder attempt man 'on trial before'

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

AN UNEMPLOYED labmurder a seven-year-old girl he allegedly kidnapped and sexually assaulted stood trial for murder three years ago. The jury trying Russell Bishop, aged 24, at Lewes crown court for the attempted murder at Devil's Dyke on the South Downs was told yes-terday of his previous trial at the same court in 1987 when he was acquitted.

The disclosure came when Dr Martin Knott, a Brighton-based GP, told the court that he found a catalogue of injuries when he examined the girl after her ordeal on February 4 this year.
Asked by Ronald Thwaites,

QC, counsel for the defence. whether he knew Mr Bishop Dr Knott replied that he had treated the defendant in 1987 while awaiting trial.

Mr Thwaites said that

Bishop was acquitted at Lowes crown court on December 9, 1987. The jury was not given details of the earlier trial. The prosecution alleges that

Sussex, assaulted the girl in a car at Devil's Dyke after abducting her as she played on

roller skates near her home. Bishop is accused of driving the girl in the boot of his car to the beauty spot where she was left for dead after being stripped naked and sexually assaulted. He denies charges of kidnap, attempted murde attempting to choke the girl and indecent assault on Sun-

day February 4.

Dr Knott told the court that he was called to Brighton's Royal Alexandra hospital to examine the girl just hours after she was abducted and attacked. "It was quite evident that she had on the same day experienced a terrifying ordeal but she had coped with it very well," he said.

She had scratches all over her body indicating she had run naked through gorse bushes, probably in her escape from her attacker.

Dr Knott did not discover any strangulation marks on the girl but haemorrhaging in her eyes indicated she was deprived of oxygen, possibly by a hand placed over her mouth and nose. There was also evidence of a sexual assault, he said.

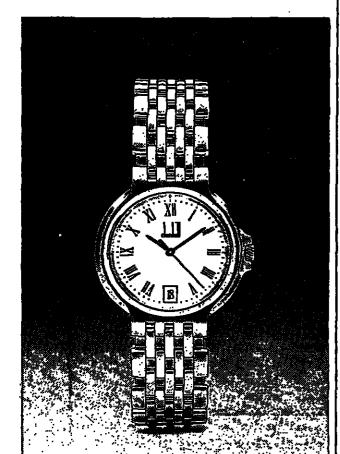
Earlier, a woman who was walking her dog with her husband at Devil's Dyke on the day of the alleged attack told the court that she saw a figure in a red Ford Cortina sit up and then fall away as if ela Symons, of Hangleton, Hove, said she thought the car, which had misted-up windows, contained a courting couple.

Susan Chifton, from Brighton, another witness, told the jury that she saw the naked girl tottering and weaving" towards her as she sat in her car with her husband. She said the girl ran out from some bushes and added: "Her hair was all over the place and she had mud all over her, nothing on and blood coming out of the corner of her mouth. "She was desperately trying

to catch our attention and shaking a bit, trembling, in earnest trying to tell us what had happened. She was definitely very with it and aware, and trying to tell us what had happened to her."

Mrs Clifton wrapped the girl in her jacket and put her arm around her. They drove her to a local golf club to alert police.

The trial was adjourned until Monday.



INDIVIDUALITY. A CLASSIC TIMEPIECE THAT REPRESENTS THE PINNACLE OF THE WATCHMAKERS ART. THE STEEL AND YELLOW METAL ELITE PART OF A COMPLETE RANGE OF WATCHES FROM ALFRED DUNHILL



VISIT ALFRED DUNHILL IN LONDON AT DUKE STREET ST JAMES'S, THE BURLINGTON ARCADE, 5 SLOANE STREET AND AT ALFRED DUNHILL IN HARRODS AND SELFRIDGES. WATCHES ALSO AVAILABLE AT WATCHES OF SWITZERLAND LTD. THE GOLDSMITHS

Inspiration for PC Plod dies

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

Endersby: no political

will to make law work

PC PLOD, the pink-checked constable who policed the world of Noddy and Toyland, has bicycled off to the great constabulary in the sky.

Christopher Rone, the jovial West Country police officer who was the inspiration for Enid Blyton's post-war before retiring with four creation, has died at the age of commendations to spend ten 75. A former guardsman and years as an usher at Wareham latterly court usher, Mr Rone, of Wareham, Dorset, died in ing a spell as beat bobby in the beat."

village booby.

Married with two children,

Mr Rone joined Dorset conin the second world war with the Grenadier Guards.

He served all over Dorset

hospital after a long fight Studland after the war that he against cancer, but will be became a friend of Miss remembered as the archetypal Blyton, a regular visitor to the

The Dorset writer George Willey, an acquaintance of stabulary in 1946 after service Miss Blyton and Mr Rone, said: "She spotted Christopher during one of her summer stays in Dorset, and PC Plod was born. She told me he was the archetypal friendly village bobby, always smiling, loved magistrates' court. It was dur- by the children and always on

A trumpet blast from the intellectual high ground

By PHILIP HOWARD, LITERARY EDITOR

These are difficult times

for us classicists. It is not just the general threat to humane values, the brisk march towards public squalor and private barbarism. It is not just the prevailing cult of the useful, for that can be answered on its own terms.
"If we are to be judged by
the product, we know that
business needs strategists, not

foot soldiers; not those trained in brute vocational skills, but those exercised in the analysis of complex data. We know that classical graduates are thought to have just those an-alytic and strategic abilities. We can, with a good con-science, tell schoolchildren and undergraduates that they will not forfeit employability by studying what interests

Professor Parsons, who is a papyrologist as well as a high intellectual strategist, gave a lively survey of a century of Greek studies in the United Kingdom In 1890, Greek had designer rhetoric, of cuphony hope to be allowed to a much stronger institutional and the mot juste, than our continue."

IN HIS inaugural lecture as Regius Professor of Greek at Oxford last night, Professor Peter Parsons sounded a trumped blast against the Homer. Nevertheless, today

Thilliesters we know more, and understand the Greeks better, than

> First, we have more material, from archaeological finds, and from the fragments of lost works recovered on papyrus from the rubbish left by the Greek settlers in Egypt, at Oxyrhynchus and such dumps. These are not simply new facts, or new pleasures They also test our assumptions about how the Greek

the great scholars of the 19th

world can be reconstructed. Second, new disciplines (notably social anthropology) make it easier to ask pertinent questions about (say) the place of literature in Greek society. These are the sort of questions for which the direct historical record provides no answers.

Third, general changes of sensibility, and modern critical theory, both tend to the same point. We respond more realistically to Greek literature as the Greeks saw it, a literature of fixed forms and

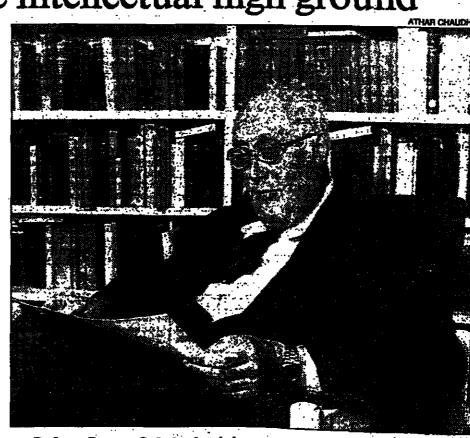
ing, we pursue the old ideal: building up the ancient world as a totality. For example, the new papyrus which contains fragments of the long-lost poem of Simonides on the Battle of Plataca. Here is another fascinating and im-portant piece in the jigsaw. It will take our modern experts in literature and history and art to put it in full context.

We inherit from the 19th century their admirable achieves

ievements of system and organisation, and the wider horizons of scholarship, without their monolithic certain-ties. We feel better able to understand Greek literature

and society, "a noisy, smelly, pushy world".

Professor Parsons said: "Oxford is the largest centre for classics in the world. Here, if anywhere, specialists can cooperate to rebuild the Greek world from its fragments. But here too there is now always. here too there is now always the threat that those who retire will not be replaced. We must



Professor Parsons, Oxford university's new Regins Professor of Greek, in his study at Christ Church before delivering his inaugural locture yesterday

THE HURD FACTOR

Would he bat if Thatcher were not the opponent?

By PETER DAVENPORT

He believed, however, that Mrs Thatcher would win on

He said that concern about

the poll tax, which Mr Heseltine has put at the fore-

front of his campaign, was felt

by everybody in the party and

the government was acting on

suggestions for improve-

suggestion that he would scrap

the tax if he won the election.

poll tax any more than a prime minister can create a poll tax,"

The foreign secretary said that he agreed with a good deal

of the remarks made by Sir Geoffrey Howe in his resigna-

tion speech but that he "parted ways" on his conclu-

sion; he did not think that the

prime minister's "mood and style" made it difficult to

succeed with government pol-

icy on Europe. He acknowledged that the

campaign would temporarily

damage the government and its effectiveness, and once it

was over the first job of the

prime minister would be to heal the wounds. "It is im-

portant in the next few days

that the contest should be of a

kind from which the wounds

can heal," he said. "We shan't

have time for continuing

personal feuds. We have got

time to re-unite, to prepare

going to be fairly tight. There

will not be time for a lot of

point-scoring afterwards and

that's one reason I am rather

keen the prime minister

should win on the first ballot."

"combative" style the right way of healing the wounds, he

was asked. "You can heal people in different ways. What

will be needed is not a lot of

soft soap but a concentration

on what has to be done in the

prime minister will be able to

Heseltine profile, page 10

do and convincingly."

Was the prime minister's

the first ballot.

AS IF to emphasise unswerv- feel that unpopularity, he said. ing support for the prime minister, Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, yesterday appeared between two large portrait photographs of Margaret Thatcher as he talked about real military tensions in the Gulf and "phantom armies" stalking the Conservative leadership battleground.

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Mr Hurd, the prime min- ments. Mr Hurd seemed beister's sponsor in the contest mused by Mr Heseltine's with Michael Heseltine, was in Leeds on a series of engagements arranged before "If he were in that position, a the challenge moved from prime minister can't abolish a

Across the county in York
Minster a memorial service
was being held for Sir Len
Hutton, the former Yorkshire and England batsman, and in the cricketing parlance which has been used widely in the leadership campaign, Mr Hurd attempted to play a straight bat to all questions involving opinion polls, possible second ballots and the chances of him challenging the leadership at some stage.

He appeared to leave the possibility open if Mrs Thatcher were not the opponent. Mr Hurd was repeatedly asked if there were circumstances in which he would allow his name to be put forward as a contender. Was he waiting in the wings?

"No, I've nominated Mrs Thatcher and you can't get into a position where you say I am going to support some-body for the leadership this and to win an election but it's week but not next, that my support runs out on Tuesday. I believe she is the right person to lead this country and this party and I support Mrs Thatcher, full stop."

Under no circumstances then will you stand? "Against her," he qualified, leaving open the prospect that he might stand to stop Michael Heseltine if the prime minister were not included in a second ballot for any reason.

The foreign secretary was future. Often when somebody asked if Mrs Thatcher was has had a minor accident then upset at the number of the best way of recovering is to Conservative MPs who had volunteered their support for job, to snap out of it. That the Mr Heseltine. He said: "There mselves across the stage as there always are in a leadership election, and a good deal of uncertainty, but she just wishes to win, is working to win and will win."

Mr Hurd arrived in Leeds as the Conservatives reflected on a Times/Mori opinion poll showing that the party would take a lead over Labour for the first time in 18 months if Mr Heseltine became leader. The survey said that a four-point lead for Labour under a government led by Mrs Thatcher would be transformed to a ten-point lead for the Conservatives with Mr Heseltine in charge.

The foreign secretary was dismissive of the findings. "Anybody who knows anything about politics knows that opinion polls are a quicksand and if you base decisions on them you are quite likely to get them wrong." The govern-ment was unpopular, as it had been before the last two general elections and anybody associated with it, such as the prime minister, was bound to

THE SUNDAY TIMES

The Ashes: four-page special

"The England party must feel apprehensive as Australia, known to be stiff with batting, can call upon their best hand of fast bowlers since Dennis Lillee and

Jeff Thomson tore England apart . . . if Angus Fraser was to join Graham Gooch on the sick list, England would be as helpless as kangaroos in the

Robin Marlar analyses the Ashes Test series, which starts on Friday, in a special supplement with The Sunday Times

headlights."

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The Sunday Times: Test Selector - a fascinating game to run throughout the series, with £2,000 prize money each week.



Tour of duty: Mrs Thatcher talking to soldiers of the Ulster Defence Regiment at their Enniskillen base during a long-standing engagement in

Election may turn on those who fail to vote

CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE abstention factor could come into its own next Tues-day when Conservative MPs troop into a Commons committee room to cast their

For it is no contradiction in terms to suggest that eschewal of both candidates could be a positive vote that could determine the ultimate fate of the

to abstention will not apply on Tuesday. Last year, in the contest between Mrs Thatcher and Sir Anthony Meyer, 27 MPs either did not vote or spoilt their ballot papers. They were opposed to Mrs Thatcher but could not bring themselves to vote for a self-confessed nonentity. This time there is no such excuse.

Most MPs abstaining will be saying that they want Mrs Thatcher to go, but that Mr Heseltine is not the candidate best suited to replace her.

By withholding a vote for either of them, they will be trying to ensure that neither wins outright on the first ballot, denying both of them the 187 votes that is the minimum qualification for an outright victory. At that stage Leading article, page 11 candidate, be it Douglas Hurd,
Letters, page 11 John Major, Chris Patten,

The two sides in the election

will line up on television and

radio this weekend, with

Michael Heseltine leading on

tomorrow's BBC1 lunchtime

programme, On the Record (Nicholas Watt writes).

Jonathan Dimbleby will

interview him for 50 minutes

and that will be followed by a

commentary from John Cole,

the BBC's political editor. Margaret Thatcher is not

scheduled to give any lengthy

interviews, although Cecil Parkinson, the transport sec-retary, who is one of the prime

minister's most loyal lieuten-

ants, will be the subject of a

Brian Walden grilling for 43 minutes on Walden at 1.10pm

Other elements of the media

campaign include an interview with Mr Heseltine's biog-

rapher, Julian Critchley, on

TVam's Frost on Sunday from 8am. A senior figure in the Conservative party will also be on hand. This morning's

Today programme on Radio 4

will examine Douglas Hurd's prospects should be enter a

Pound warning

The split in the Conservative

party is weakening the pound

and putting up import prices.

Baroness Secar, deputy leader of the Liberal Democrat peers,

said yesterday. "It would be all

right if the Tory splits were

simply an internal dispute, but

they affect real people and will

result in still higher inflation

and fewer jobs," she added.

The leadership contest seemed

to be playing on Denis Thatcher's mind when he

opened an 18-hole golf course

yesterday at Wavendon, Buck-

inghamshire. He told guests he

was "extremely sorry and

andoning plans to take part in

a charity tournament, adding:

"The game is difficult enough

without having to think about

little local problems that we've

got at this time."

Forethought

on ITV tomorrow.

second ballot.

Impeccable | Campaign 'safe pair over the of hands' airwaves

By Sheila Gunn

DOUGLAS Hurd, aged 60, is the son and grandson of Conservative politicians although his own career started in the diplomatic service. He won a scholarship to

Eton, where he became captain, and went on to Trinity College, Cambridge, gaining a first in history and becoming president of the union and chairman of the Conservative

For 14 years he was a diplomat working in Peking, where he learnt Mandarin, the United Nations, London and Rome. His ultimate ambition, however, was always in the world of politics.
In 1966 Edward Heath put

him to work in the Conservative research department and two years later appointed him his private secretary. In 1970 Mr Hurd went to
Downing Street as the prime
minister's pulitical secretary.
He did the same job for
Edward Heath as Charles Powell has done for Margaret Thatcher.

He was first elected MP for mid-Oxon in 1974 and became MP for Witney in 1983. He became a Foreign Office minister in Mrs Thatcher's first administration. He moved to the Home Office as minister of state and entered the Cabinet for the first time in 1984 as Northern Ireland

The following year Mrs Thatcher moved him to the Home Office. Like previous Conservative home secretaries, his four-year tenure was not an easy one, but he carned the reputation as "a safe pair of hands". It was Nigel Lawson's resignation as Chancellor of the Exchequer last year which landed him the job of foreign secretary in place of John Major. In his first year as

foreign secretary he has flown 130,000 miles. In his spare time he writes political thrillers, seven so far, although he admits to having had little chance to add to his | indeed disappointed" after abcollection in the past two years. He married his second wife Judith, who was previously his secretary, eight years ago and they have two

else, would enter the field to contest the second ballot. Some may use the absten-tion deliberately to ensure that Mrs Thatcher does not win by go on to victory in the second. too large a majority, enabling her cabinet to keep a tighter rein on her in future.

Over the weekend, however, the supporters of a third, yet undeclared candidate may well be considering the gers implicit in abstention. One is that a mass abstention against Mrs Thatcher may The "cop-out" stigma leave Mr Heseltine out in supporters, it will be argued the pitfalls of the abstention or which has often attached itself front on the first ballot with an that the only way to stop her is the throwaway vote. In 1975

Boosted by polls suggesting that a Tory party led by him would have a better chance of winning the election, he could A second danger of absten-tion, and one that will be Mr Heseltine. The waverers explained in telephone calls to will be worried, however, that the waverers by the Heseltine that they could let Mrs Thatcher through on the first ballot. If it is assumed that Mrs Thatcher is likely to get 187 votes through her natural

over Mr Heseltine. The message to those in-clined to support the third man is that this could be

they will be throwing away a vote for somebody else. Macfarlane and Michael Mates, know better than most

unstoppable momentum. to deny her the second qual- Sir Neil was in Mrs Thatcher's ification, the 56-vote majority camp, and Mr Mates in the liam Whitelaw, who came in on the second ballot after Mr Heath's elimination in the defeated by Mrs Thatcher. On that occasion it was by voting for Mr Heseltine

believed widely that some Whitelaw supporters were en-The leading figures in Mr Thatcher, then an unlikely Heseltine's campaign, Sir Neil victor, on the first round in order to force out Mr Heath. It rebounded against them as the

Odds are shortening on foreign secretary

By BILL FROST

DOUGLAS Hurd moved into second favourite position in betting on the Tory leadership stakes last night. His odds were shortened to 7-2 by Ladbrokes after a flurry of bets, despite the fact that he is not even a declared contender. Ladbrokes also yesterday took its largest single bet of the contest -£15,000 on Mrs Thatcher to

The prime minister remained favourite as her odds finished at 2-7. "This is the result of the demand and weight of money for Mr Hurd and Mrs Thatcher," Ladbrokes said. Michael Heseltine, the dark horse from Henley-on-Thames, finished the day's betting in third position at 5-1.

William Hill, the country's largest bookmaker, said that enthusiasm among Britship contest appeared to be waning. "Our clients will sit back over the weekend and consider the form." The firm placed Chris Patten, the environment secretary and Norman Tebbit, the Chingford MP, as outsiders, both

The turf accountant Joe Coral has taken £7,000 on a Thatcher victory. Should she be first past the post it stands to lose £25,000. "All the money is on her, there is precious little riding on Michael," a spokesman said. However, the punters put £8,000 across the counter on Hurd succeeding Mrs Thatcher as Tory leader. Coral's odds yesterday were: Thatcher 2-5; Heseltine 7-4;

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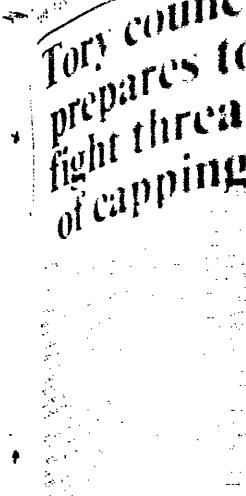
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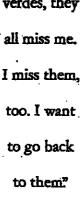
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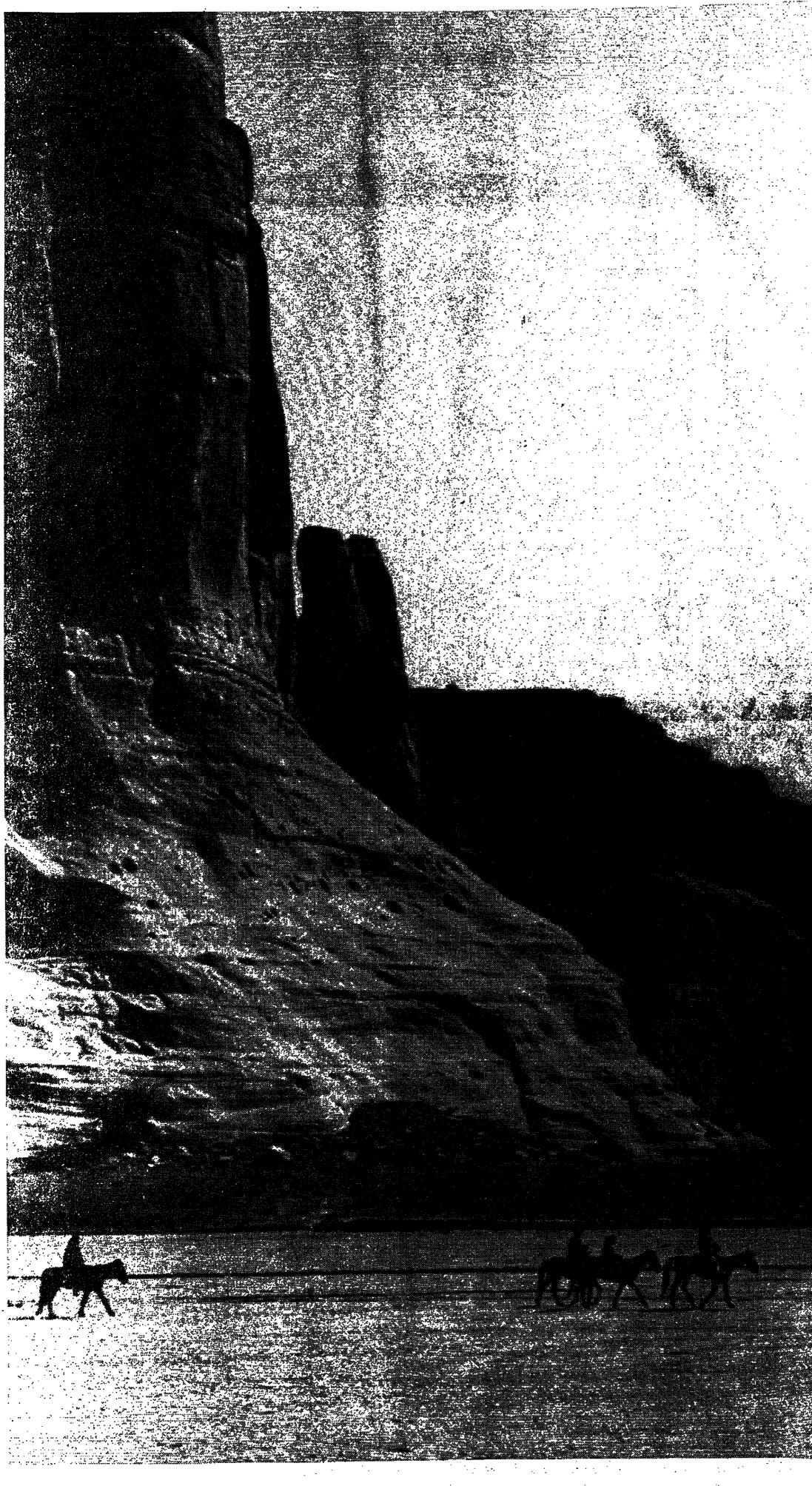


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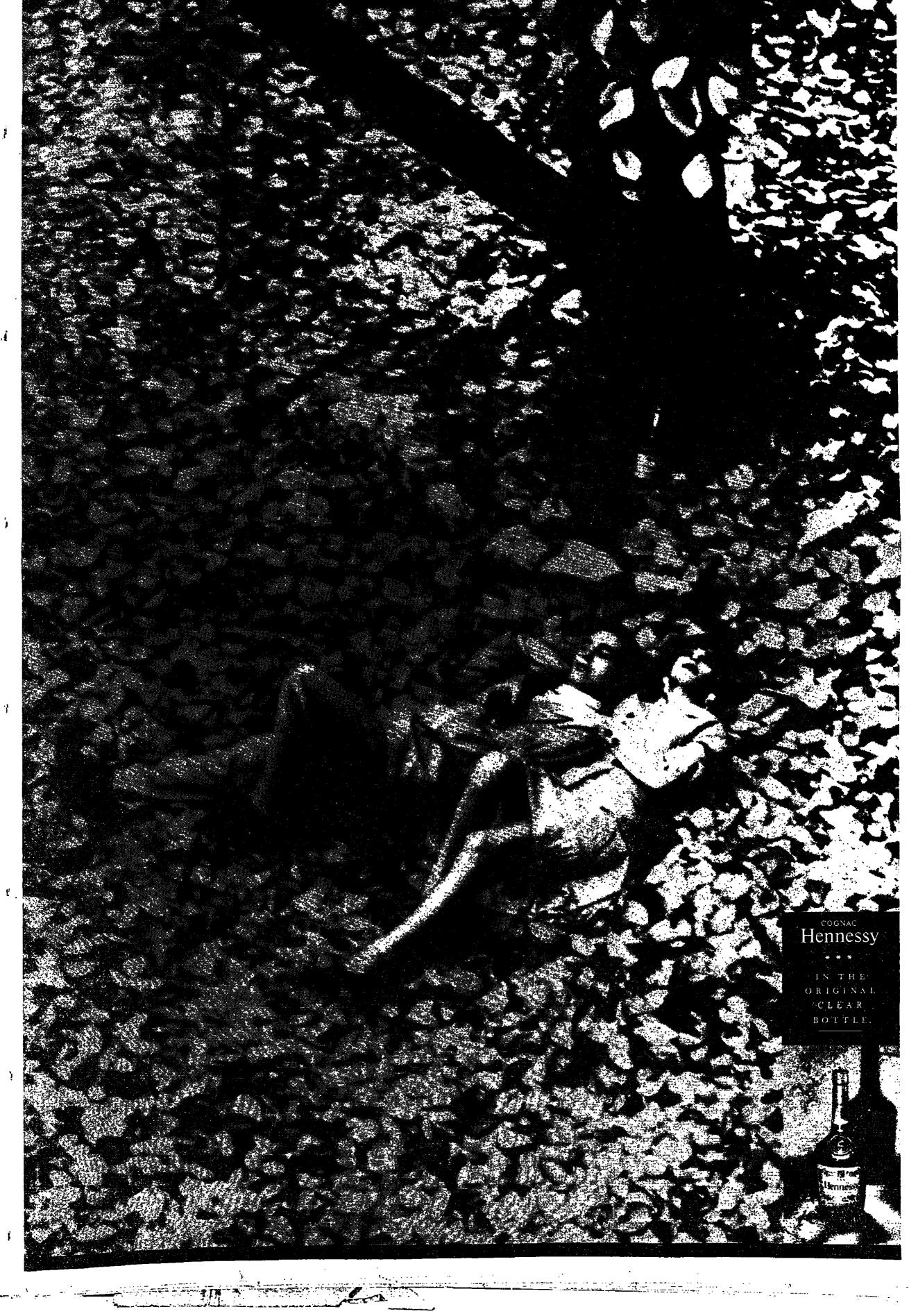
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Senators

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of 'trading

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Washington - The United States Senate faces the "utter rain of its reputation" unless it breaks the link between political favours and campaign contributions, accord-

ing to the opening statement in the so-called "Keating Five" case, which went into its second day

vesterday (Peter Stothard writes).

mittee heard evidence from its special counsel, Robert Bannett, that three of the five sensors

accused of putting pressure on federal regulators on behalf of the collapsed Lincoln savings and loans company had failed to ack-

nowledge the depth of their links with Charles Keating, the dis-graced owner of Lincoln. Mr

Keating provided \$1.3 million (£660,000) in campaign contribu-

tions for the five senators Alan Cranston of California, Dennis DeConcini and John McCain of

Arizona, Donald Riegie of Michi-

gan and John Glenn of Ond. The

money was given at the same time

as he was soliciting the sensors's

regulatory restraint. Lincoln became the most prominent of the

savings and loans companies, whose failure cost the American taxpayer at least \$500 billion.

On a day marked by unexpe

edly severe charges, Howell Hef-lin, the ethics committee

chairman, told the senators that

The six-man Senate ethics com-

Saudi Arabia's rulers declare war on liberal Western influences

THE Saudi royal family has begun a campaign to ward off the potentially liberalising effects of the three-month-old Gulf confrontation on one of the most stringently administered Islamic societies in the world.

In a keynote address delivered in the holy city of Mecca, Prince Naif bin Abdul Aziz, the interior minister and brother of King Fahd, said that all public demonstrations, even those in favour of what he described as legitimate rights and demands"

would not be tolerated. The speech, delivered to a meeting of a university society attended by leading Saudi intellectuals, was seen as a declaration of war against the influences being imported by more than 300,000 foreign soldiers now based on Saudi soil, a large proportion of them Christians and Jews.

The prince, who has run the interior ministry with a rod of iron since 1975, said that demonstra-

DESPITE weakening American

support for military action in the

Gulf, more than three in five of the

British public believe it is right for

Asked in a new Times/Mori poll

if American and British troops

should be used against Iraqi

troops in Kuwait, 62 per cent said

they should and 27 per cent that

A third of the respondents who

wanted military action believed it

should be taken immediately, with

less than a fifth wanting to wait for

The findings demonstrate

strong public support for Mrs Thatcher's position on the Gulf

following her warning that if President Saddam Hussein does

not withdraw from Kuwait "soon", military force will have to

be used. Fifty-seven per cent of poll respondents believed that there would be a military conflict

with Iraq involving British forces

When those who favour action

were asked when America and

Britain should take it, 33 per cent

said they should do so immediate-

ly. Six per cent favoured one to

two weeks, and the same number

three to four weeks. Ten per cent

said military action should be

delayed for one to two months and

11 per cent said that it should be

more than two months before

troops went in. More than a

quarter (28 per cent) of those who

think troops should be used were

uncertain on timing. About a fifth of the poll respondents appeared

to want a longer trial for sanctions.

have captured public imagination.

Asked how much they cared

whether Iraq moved its troops from Kuwaiti soil, 69 per cent of

The Gulf conflict appears to

one to two months or more.

they should not.

before Christmas.

troops to be used against Iraq.

Poll says Britons

back use of force

the doors of officials were open for discussion. He told his audience that he "regretted" the negative effects of the Gulf conflict, chief among which was this month's unprecedented demonstration by 47 veiled Saudi women demand-

ing the right to drive. Earlier this week the interior ministry announced a formal ban on all women drivers and said that unspecified "deterrent punish-ment" would be meted out to those who disobeyed. Widescale test in Riyadh by Western journal-ists originally given entry visas to cover the Gulf has infuriated igious conservatives.

United States diplomatic sources said the prince's speech in-dicated that conservatives had gained the upper hand over technocrats, many of whom have been educated abroad. Prince Naif said that the women, who received permission to protest from their

respondents said very much and a

further 20 per cent that they cared

a little. Seven per cent said they

did not care at all. Those who care

represent a higher figure than at

the time of the Falklands conflict,

when 54 per cent of the public said

they cared very much about

There is a clear gender gap in the

responses on whether military

action should be taken. Men split

72-22 in favour of using troops.

Women split 52-32 in favour. In

party terms 75 per cent of Conservative supporters favoured mili-

tary action to 55 per cent of

Labour supporters and 54 per cent

When people were asked how

likely it was there would be a

military conflict with Iraq involv-

ing British forces within the next

month, 25 per cent saw it as very

likely and 32 per cent as fairly

likely. This compares with 22 per

cent who see such action as fairly

unlikely and 10 per cent who

regard it as very unlikely.
Mori interviewed 1,088 adults

aged over 18 face to face at 55

constituency sampling points on November 15. Data were weighted

by housing tenure, trade union

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husbands, included "those who had hved abroad and received a non-Islamic education?.

The ministry's ban is being ignored daily by hundreds of ignored daily by hundreds of American servicewomen who drive while working. Already the women who participated in the protest have faced a backlash, with at least six being suspended from teaching jobs on the all-female campus of King Saud University. Fundamentalist students tore the professors' nameplates off their office doors and expended the word. ffice doors and scrawled the word

"infidel" in their place.
The demonstration highlighted the secondary status of women in the kingdom, where male per-mission is required to travel, check into hotels and many other actions. Some protesters argued that they had been influenced by the threat of war in the Gulf and remaining immobile if war broke out. Prince Naif accused the women of defying Islamic values and social traditions:

In an attempt to keep Western influences at bay, strict censorship is being applied to those Western newspapers permitted into Saudi Arabia. Some, like the racier British tabloids, are banned altogether, to the annoyance of thousands of British troops who have little knowledge of Saudi religious traditions.

Every day, sections of the papers on sale are blacked out by the censors with an impenetrable black felt pen, including a half-page picture in The Sunday Times of Nancy and Ronald Reagan kissing, numerous advertisements and any suggestion of too much bare female flesh.

Most references to changes in Saudi society are torn out by the censors who, according to expatriates, have become more rigorous since Operation Desert Shield began. The Daily Telegraph on Monday lost a whole page which the remains of a torn-off corner indicated had been devoted to Christmas shopping.

The advent of Christmas is expected to further highlight cultural differences. Western sources said the import of Christmas trees and decorations for the troops was being opposed because of their religious significance.

United States sources said that Sandi anger over the publicity given to the pro-driving demonstration had prompted some officials to suggest that the Western press should be sent home. This idea had been countered by American military officials in charge of the large US public relations team operating



Sky watch: Nasa workers watching the shuttle Atlantis streaking across the sky after its Cape Canaveral launch on Thursday to deploy what is believed to be a spy satellite in space

American satellites to keep early-warning eye on Iraqis

AMERICAN commanders in the Gulf, critically dependent on early warning of any moves by President Saddam Hussein, are much better placed this weekend after two successful space launches

within four days.

The shuttle Atlantis, launched from Cape Canaveral on Thursday night, followed hard on the heels of a Titan 4 rocket which left the pad on Monday night. Both were military missions aimed at improving satellite coverage in the

The Titan 4, the most powerful American rocket and designed to be the workhorse of the Pentagon's satellite programme, is be-lieved to have carried an infra-red early warning satellite into geo-stationary orbit on Monday. Such satellites detect heat and would be nseful for spotting the launch of any of Iraq's Soviet-built Scud ssiles. It could also be used for monitoring tank concentrations or abnormal road traffic.

There are two possibilities for the Atlantis payload, according to John Kerr of the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London. It could be a "Keyhole" KH-12 high-resolution imaging satellite, equipped with a 12 ft

mously detailed visual and infrared pictures. These satellites, also known as Advanced Crystal, can watch by night and day but would

be defeated by heavy cloud cover. To penetrate cloud, the Americans might instead have launched a Lacrosse radar-imaging satellite on board Atlantis. Lacrosse can deliver data in all weathers, but its resolution is not as good as the KH-12, which can easily distinguish between individual vehicles on the ground. Both the KH-12 and Lacrosse operate in relatively low polar orbits, which bring them over the Gulf only a couple of times a day.

Other experts suggest that the shuttle payload is a Magnum signals intelligence satellite, de signed to listen in to Iraqi telecommunications and radio traffic.

The payload, given the codename AF (Air Force) Project 658, weighs 22,000lb, making it one of the heaviest objects put into orbit. A second stage rocket was included to raise it into a higher orbit after release.

For comprehensive coverage many low-orbit surveillance satellites are needed, but before this week's launches the United States had only four one KH-12, two earlier KH-11 or "Big Bird" satellites, and one Lacrosse. In addition it has a number of electronic eavesdropping satellites which can listen to Iraqi telephone and radio communications.

Frustration with the American space agency Nasa has forced the Pentagon to develop the Titan 4 which costs \$80 million (£40.8 million) less per mission than the shuttle. Monday's launch was the third for Titan 4, which is ex-pected to carry all secret satellite

missions in future.

Meanwhile, the risk that Iraq
will try to use a primitive nuclear bomb as a terror weapon in the Gulf diminished with the announcement on Thursday from the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna that its inspec tors have been invited to Iraq to verify that the small amount of enriched uranium the country possesses has not been made into such a weapon. ...

according to the public view:
"You sold your office, traded your honour and your good name for contributions and other benefits." Confidence vote

Delbi — Chandra Shekhar, India's new prime minister, won a vote of confidence in parliament after a seven-hour debate in which opposition MPs accused him of opportunism and disloyalty for heading a minority government backed by the Congress (I) party. His victory was made possible because about 58 MPs from the Janata Dai party of V. P. Singh, the former prime minister, crossed the floor to join Mr Chandra Shekhar's new party, the Janata Dal (Secular).

Yuan loses value

Peking - China said it would devalue its currency by 9.57 per cent, its second devaluation in less than a year, in order to increase economic development. Under the new rate, 5.187 yuan will equal \$1, compared to 4.7 previously. China's currency, which is not convertible on world money markets, is believed to be liver valued. The new rate is still slightly below that used on the black market. The last devaluation took place in December 1989. (AP)

Sold into slavery

Johannesburg — Refugees from the civil war in Mozambique are being lured to South Africa with promises of well-paid jobs, and sold as forced labour or for sex to black businessmen and white farmers. The slave trade was exposed by a Johannesburg news-paper, The Weekly Mail, which said that young men and women were being sold for between £40 and £60. Those who protest are assaulted and threatened with expulsion as illegal aliens.

Storm warning

Manila - Weather forecasters reported the approach of a new tropical storm as the death toll from Typhoon Mike, which hit the Philippines on Tuesday and Wednesday, rose to at least 218. Most of the victims were killed by landslides or drowned. More than one million people lost their homes. The storm also sank or damaged dozens of ships and caused devastation in Cebu, the country's second commercial and transport centre. (AP)

Republican wins

San Diego - Election officials said that Randy "Duke" Cunningham, the Republican candidate, defeated Democratic representative Jim Bates in Congress's last undecided election. The results of the November 6 polls had been delayed while thousands of absentations and the last control of the las tee ballots were counted. Mr Bates had declined to concede defeat. California now has 26 Democratic and 19 Republican represen-tatives, a gain of one seat for the

Plea for hostages

Sheikh Mohammed Hussein Fadlallab, the spiritual guide of pro-Iranian Lebanese groups believed to be holding Terry Waite and John McCarthy, yesterday called for Western, Iranian and Lebanese hostages in Lebanon to be freed (Andrew McEwen writes). He told worshippers at Friday prayers: "We should work towards closing the file of the unjustly held hostages and captives, whether they were Iranians, Americans, Europeans or Lebanese."

Remote control

Tereste - A technology company says it has developed a radio system which allows drivers to switch on car heaters or air conditioning from almost 700 yards away, even with buildings in between. The firm said the device could switch on headlights to help locate a car in the dark, sound the hooter to scare away vandals, and unlock the doors for a fast getaway. The alarm also sounds and pages the driver if anyone tampers with the car. (Reuter)

Lange hits at Western hypocrisy

From Robert Cockburn IN SYDNEY

DAVID Lange, the former New Zealand prime minister, yesterday accused Western countries of hypocrisy over Iraq's invasion of Kuwait Citing the United States military interventions in Panama and Grenada, and the bombing of Libya, he said the West needed to engage in self-examination over Kuwait.

Launching a new book in Sydney, Australia, on his way home from a private mission on which he negotiated the release of New Zealand's 16 hostages in Iraq. Mr Lange said: "Isn't it a little odd to point quarter of a million troops in the direction of Iraq, when (the United States) just in the last few years walloped Libya, invaded Grenada, stoushed Panama - you name it, they've been there.

"Isn't it a bit odd that Liberia is an abattoir of carnage and human suffering and we don't even pass a UN resolution about it?"

Mr Lange said more dialogue was needed to understand President Saddam Hussein, joking that, as a former prime minister himself, he could understand the Iraqi leader ordering the execution of five members of his cabinet.

Mr Lange also lambasted Bob Hawke, the Australian prime min-ister, for failing to endorse an official diplomatic mission to Baghdad which he believed could win the release of all Australia's 32 hostages. Mr Lange alleged that Mr Hawke was reticent because did as he was told by President Bush in Gulf matters.

Despite the government's object tions, two private Australian missions are seeking the release of the trapped Australians. Four prominent members of the Arab-Australian community, led by Edward Obied, the publisher, left Sydney yesterday. Tom Uren, a former Labor MP, and Janine Haines, the former Democratic party leader, leave for Baghdad today.

Leadership poll, page 2





Brothers in arms: Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, greeting Vladimir Petrovsky, the Soviet envoy, at talks on the Gulf confrontation, which began in Tunis yesterday

More tanks on standby for duty in the desert

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

BRITISH tank units in Germany have been put on notice to be ready to leave for Saudi Arabia within two weeks. The reinforcements will join the 7th Armoured Brigade, the Desert Rats, in the

northeast of Saudi Arabia. Although the new deployment from Britain is not expected to be announced by the government until early next week, Archie Hamilton, the armed forces minister, gave the first indication that preparations were already under way. In a written Commons answer, Mr Hamilton said that some army units had had their "notice to move" reduced. Two Royal Navy minehunters had also been ordered to stand by for Gulf

Theoretically, army units are always on seven days' notice to leave for an operation anywhere in the world. However, an armoured unit could never be ready to move Mr Hamilton did not name any

in such a short space of time to the Gulf. When the Desert Rats were told of their orders, they were given 14 days' notice to move. of the units, but reports from Saudi Arabia earlier this week

suggested that the 4th Armoured Brigade, or elements of it, would be sent. The 4th and 7th Armoured Brigades are part of 1st Armoured Division in Germany. If a full brigade is sent it will include at least one regiment of 60 Challenger tanks, an infantry battalion of 650 men equipped with Warrior and other armoured fighting vehicles, and probably an artillery regiment with 155 mm howitzers. The 4th Armoured Brigade had already been selected as the replacement unit for the

Desert Rats after six months. The deployment of a second brigade would make up the equivalent of a full division which would require the establishment of a divisional headquarters under the command of a major-general, In the Gulf yesterday, HMS Brazen, a Royal Navy frigate, stopped and boarded a Panamanian-registered tug, the Crow-

ley Storm, on its way to Iraq. The tug was boarded by crew members from the Type 22 frigate about 50 miles off the coast of the United Arab Emirates. A Navy spokesman said nothing suspicious was found.

JERUSALEM NOTEBOOK by Richard Owen

Soviet immigrants suffer Jewish identity crisis

Israel over the revelation by Rabbi Yitzhak Peretz, the minister for immigration, that as many as a third of the "Jewish immigrants" from the Soviet Union are not Jewish at all. The question of "who is a Jew" has long been a contentious one within the right-wing co-alition led by Yitzhak Shamir. The debate will be sharpened by the entry into the coalition yesterday of yet another orthodox religious party, Agudat

Many of the Soviet Jews emigrating to Israel have no knowledge of Judaism and have trouble producing documents to prove Jewish ancestry. Rabbi Peretz used a visit to Moscow this week to disclose that a large proportion, perhaps as many as 40 per cent, are not Jews by any definition.

Some masquerade as Jews, often buying forged birth certificates, to get out of the Soviet Union in the hope that they can

travel from Israel to the United States. However, by far the majority of non-Jews arriving in Israel are married to Jews. On discovering this problem of mixed marriages, Rabbi Peretz declared that the Law of Return entitling any Jew anywhere in the world to settle in Israel was a "bad law" which needed tightening up. Non-Jews were using up . scarce resources, he said.

The resulting outcry has shaken the Shamir government, already under fire for failing to provide jobs and housing for the one million immigrants expected by 1992. The Jerusalem-Post said yesterday that the rabbi's remarks were scandalous. The blame for the migration shambles lay not with non-Jews taking advantage of the Law of Return

but with the government itself.

Judge Miriam Ben-Porat, the outspoken state comptroller, accused Mr Shamir of neglect and short-sightedness over immigration, stinging the prime minister into the retort that Mrs BenSo you're chosen ... alright, my boy but by whom?

Porat was exceeding her authority. The press took the judge's side, with Maarte saying that the government's lack of emergency planning was a catastrophe.

the one point which appears to have been overlooked in the furore is that if so many of the new immigrants are not Jewish, Israel's hopes of maintaining its demographic advantage over the Palestinian

decades look much less bright. Jerusalem is enjoying an Indian summer, with a welcome return to the outdoor case life. But fear and anxiety are never far below the surface, reinforced by the threat of war in the Gulf with Israel becoming a target for Iraqi chemical weapons - and by the marked deterioration in Arab-Jewish relations since the Temple Mount killings last

All this has had a disastrous impact on tourism, normally one of Israel's main sources of revenue. According to Dov Cognac, the vice-president of El Al, tourism figures are 80 per cent down on last year. Last October 6,000: foreign tourists flew on charter flights to Eilst on the Red Sea. Last month, no charter

arrived in Eilat at all. Jerusalem, moreover, is becoming a divided city again, 23 years after reunification, as Israeli Jews refuse to enter Arab East Jerusalem, for fear of being in emergency situations".

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stabbed or assaulted. Many Israelis, for that matter, have even become wary of using shops and other businesses in West

by the increasingly vocal far right, with followers of the late Rabbi Meir Kahane intimidating Jewish shopkeepers who employ Arabs. In a surreal twist this week, a Kahane activist stabbed a Jewish butcher for employing an Arab, on the ground that the Arab might at some stage stab a Jew. Any Arab is seen as a potential ass especially since the fatal stabbing of three Jews by a previously mild-mannered Palestinian labourer in the quiet and leafy district of Baka a month ago. Small wonder the press is full

of advice on coping with stress. Dr Ofra Ayalon, author of a book entitled Life on the Edge, advises Israelis on how to cope with trauma and to "immunise stress

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JULIAN HERBERT

Tory council prepares to fight threat of capping

By DOUGLAS BROOM, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

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cil to face charge capping to the lower figure.

announced yesterday that it Because capping would take its case for special treatment to ministers.

Leaders of Langbaurgh on Tees council, North Yorkshire, say that unless ministers make concessions, theirs will be the first Tory council to be capped since Portsmouth was rate-capped in 1985.

They blame their plight on serious shortcomings in the system used to set standard spending assessments and say that the only alternative to apping would be service cuts of almost £3 million, a sixth of their total budget.

The council predicts that its £420 a head poll tax will have to rise to £480 even if it keeps within government guidelines.

Mr Patten has set a limit of £11,724,000 on the council's budget for next year, £6.2 million less than it plans to spend in the current financial year. The council, however,

Wearing of rear seat belts to be mandatory

By Peter Mulligan PARLIAMENTARY STAFF

PASSENGERS in the back eat of cars, including taxis, will have to wear seat belts under regulations planned to take effect in July next year, MPs were told yesterday. Christopher Chope, the

minister for roads, announced in the Commons that the wearing of rear seat belts, where fitted, was to be compulsory. He said the move would save 100 lives a year and prevent 1,000 serious

Speaking during a debate on speaking diffing a debate on road safety, he said: "With such huge benefits available, we must not delay." The government has issued a consultation paper inviting comments on the proposal. Subject to those and the approval of parliament, the

law would be brought into force by the middle of 1991. The proposal was supported by Joan Ruddock, a shadow she questioned whether further consultation was necessary. The case had already

been made out, she said. Mr Chope said the law would affect about six cars out of ten that had rear seat belts. It has been compulsory to fit rear seat belts in new cars since 1987. Casualty savings would be greater as the proportion fitted with the belts rose each year. He told. MPs that on average 14 people were killed and 165 seriously

injured on the roads each day.

This is the price in wasted lives and ruined lives which we are paying for the convenience and flexibility of road transport on which we all depend." He said the compulsory wearing of front seat belts had saved at least 200 deaths and 7,000 serious inju-

ries each year.

Mr Chope ruled out introducing random breath tests and said he was "not minded" to make it compulsory to keep breath-testing kits in places of entertainment so that people could test their alcohol level before driving home.

The RAC and the Automobile Association welcomed the proposal on rear seat belts and urged passengers to start wearing the belts immediately. The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents expressed concern that car owners were not being required to fit rear seat belts.



THE first Conservative coun- will not be forced to cut back

Because capping can be applied only to councils with budgets of more than £15 million, ministers would have no power to force Langbaurgh to go below that figure. Meeting the £15 million target would, however, still involve a cut of £2.9 million.

Keith Abigail, the council's chief executive, said yesterday: "It is absolutely horrendous. In order to keep up with inflation we actually need to spend £19.5 million next year so we are really talking about a £4.5 million

The spending limit, he said, had been set too low because the formula used to calculate the urban density of the area took no account of the special problems faced in Langbaurgh. In particular, two large industrial complexes run by British Steel and ICI at Grangetown were treated as if they were open countryside for the purposes of the spend-

As a result, Langbaurgh had a spending limit of £106 per head of population compared to £163 for Middlesbrough, which had a similar industrial

make-up.
Mr Abigail said that figures in the spending formula for social deprivation in the area, where unemployment remains close to 10 per cent, were based on statistics from the 1981 census.

Among cuts being considered by the council is the ending of its £1.5 million a year concessionary travel scheme for the elderly and job

Ron Hall, who leads the council's minority Conservative administration, will join Mr Abigail and Richard Holt, MP for Langbaurgh, next Wednesday for a meeting with Robert Key, the junior environment minister. They will ask him to exempt the



Hospital hoffine: an officer at the Emergency Bed Service's operations room making an attempt to secure admission for a sick patient

A daily struggle in search of beds for the sick

complained of chest pains and was seen twice in four days by his local hospital, but when his family doctor diagnosed pneumonia the hospital refused him a bed. The hospital, Guy's, which is in Southwark and three

miles from the patient's south London home, has closed 102 beds. The man's doctor contacted London's Emergency Bed Service (EBS), where Matthew, an assistant in the operations room, was told by Guy's: "Sorry, we're on yellow alert", meaning that it would accept only the most urgent

Matthew is based on the top floor of an office block near London Bridge. He works from a large map of London, running from floor to ceiling, showing every hospital. Next to that is a complex system of tags indicating the constantly changing facilities each hospital can offer on that day. After Guy's refused the

man a bed, Matthew phoned

four other hospitals in Lam-

Bed cuts are creating a crisis in the NHS, doctors say. Nicholas Watt discovers how an emergency service is coping with the difficult task of getting sick patients into hospital waves of London bed

beth, Camberwell, Dulwich and as far away as Greenwich. After being turned down by all four he handed the case to a duty doctor, who invoked a "medical reference", which means that he ordered Guy's to take the patient at once. The bedfinding operation had taken 36 minutes and an ambulance that had been put on alert took the man to Guy's accident and emergency

department. Cases like that are now a daily, often hourly, event at the emergency service. Graham Hayter, the manager, believes his service is a barometer of the seriousness of bed shortages in London and points out that the increase in cases where hospitals are ordered to take paients ties in almost exactly with the

When the first wave occurred in 1984 only 8 per cent of the EBS's 29,107 cases went to medical reference. In 1985 the figure rose to more than 12 per cent. Today, as hospitals feel the bite of 1,000 London bed closures

since April, the figure is nearly 30 per cent, a 50 per cent increase on last year. The EBS operates only in Greater London, where hospitals are spread randomly and their locations do not relate to population levels. Where doctors believe that their patient's condition is not immediately life-threat-

than the 999 service. Hospital staff at all levels are often confused about the

ening they use the EBS rather

hospital repeatedly refused to take a middle-aged south London man who was severely ill with gastro-enteritis, because the registrar mistakenly thought that the patient did not live in the right catchment area.
The EBS spent two hours trying to place the man in two hospitals but his exasperated family eventually

After another case, in which a hospital was forced to take a patient one day this week, a doctor there said: "The EBS can be a bloody nuisance when they invoke

took him to another, which

the reference procedure." Mr Hayter said: "When medical referencing becomes routine then all is not perfect. It means that other patients in the system are squeezed out and hospitals have to perform balancing acts."

The emphasis on efficiency within the NHS was all very well but it created an inflexible system. "Hot bedding, where there is a mini-mal interval between a patient vacating a bed and another taking that place, does not allow for unplanned admissions.'

He said that waiting lists were growing as emergency cases took up scarce beds. Ministers might say that London had enough beds for the population, but with up to 25 per cent being used by patients from the provinces the system was under great

The answer lay in concentrating not just on the emergency cases but on planning for other demands for beds, such as people on waiting lists. "These patients are just as important because if their treatment is postponed they will turn into emergency cases," he said.

Dr Alan Montague, the senior registrar at Guy's, said that staff at his hospital's accident and emergency department were working under considerable stress. The frequent calling of yellow alert meant that there was a shortage of beds, forcing patients to wait for

Marconi contracts case is dropped

The six-week trial of Marconi, the defence contracts company, ended yesterday when the prosecution case was

dropped. Mr Justice Buckley instructed the jury at Winchester Crown Court to find Marconi and two subsidiary companies based in Portsmouth, Hampshire, not guilty

and they were discharged. Major General John Sturge former general manager, of Odiham, Hampshire, William Didcote, former contracts manager, of Bridgwater, Somerset, Richard Ellingham, former commercial director, of Sible Hedingham, Essex, and Roger Pepperell, former chief accountant, of Fair Oak, Hampshire, were also

discharged. The charges had related to claims that the companies and executives had cheated the defence ministry over contracts for the supply and development of communications equipment between ships and shore. An explanation of the decision, which followed a statement from a new prosecution witness, will be made in court on Monday.

Accidental death A verdict of accidental death was recorded yesterday on Ian Parry, a photographer aged 24, who was killed in an air crash in Romania on December 28, last year. The coroner in Prestatyn, Clwyd, said Mr Parry, who was working for The Sunday Times, would

Costs refused

Six police officers, who were on duty when 95 people died at the FA Cup match at Hillsborough, Sheffield, in April 1989 and who fear action could be taken against them, have been refused logal costs by their police authority for a second time.

Water alert

Aluminium levels five times higher than normal have been found in a water treatment plant at High Newton, Cumbria, and 2,000 customers in Holker, Ravenstown and Flookburgh have been switched to an alternative

Gulf posting

Surface mail for members of the forces in the Gulf should be posted by December 1 to arrive by Christmas, the defence ministry said yesterday and second-class post should be sent by December 13.

Leicestershire will be closed tonight, from 10pm, and tomorrow night for bridge build-

Holding on conducts voluntary exercises convention will help to focus in the North Sea with similar

British Telecom was trying to restore services to all payphones in Scarborough yesterday after a fire wrecked the main exchange in Northway, cutting off 23,000 subscribers.

Bargain £126,500 for 'Hilliard' work

By JOHN SHAW

A FULL-LENGTH portrait believed to be by Nicholas turist at the Elizabethan court, was bought for the National Portrait Gallery at Christie's

in London yesterday. It shows Elizabeth, eldest daughter of James I and Queen Anne, who later became Queen Elizabeth of Bohemia. She is in a rich, gold embroidered dress and wears a gold chain with an elaborate jewel. The catalogue gives the artist as Robert Peake the Elder but Sir Hugh Leggatt, who bought the painting for £126,500 on behalf of the gallery, said afterwards he believed the portrait was by Hilliard himself "and the country has secured a great

masterpiece. "I am quite sure this is one of the missing full-length por-traits by Hilliard. The face and hands are so detailed, the dress is ravishing and the jewel the sitter is wearing appears on a miniature by Hilliard in the V & A." The painting, estimated at £30,000 to £50,000, was sent for sale by the North Carolina Museum of Art and it was returning to

this country for the first time Portraits generally did well in the auction despite a major failure in Benjamin West's study of General Monckton of \$700, fetched \$18,700. since the first world war. Quebec, estimated at £1million to £1.5million. It was sent for sale by the descendants of the 8th Viscount Galway, but it failed to prompt a bid, in the



The portrait thought to be by Nicholas Hilliard currently straitened North

American market. ☐ The aloof mystique of Greta Garbo showed enduring power when the contents of her elegant apartment completely sold out at Sotheby's in New York, making \$2,500,410 (£1,276,731).
On many of the lots the bidding opened at several times the pre-sale estimate. A scent bottle in the form of a wizard, estimated at \$500-

The total for the Garbo collection sold to date is

Collecting, page 19

School pay differential endorsed

By DAVID TYTLER EDUCATION EDUTOR

CHOOLS should be allo to set their own pay scales for teachers. Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, said yes-terday as he published legislation to restore negotiating rights to the six teacher

Mr Clarke said that local authorities should use their new powers to pay extra salaries to attract highly qualified teachers and help reduce shortages in subjects such as mathematics and science.

"I expect this to become an increasingly attractive option for employers and teachers in future years," he said: The bill has been criticised

by the teacher unions for allowing the government to impose its own settlement if negotiations take too long or to propose a settlement above the national interest. All the unions oppose the idea that teachers in subjects where there are shortages should be paid more.

 Rowdy pupils, aggressive parents and classroom stress are leaving serious mental and physical scars on teachers, a report by the Health and Safety Executive said yesterday.

The report urged development of a "caring culture" in schools, with staff en-couraged to produce a spirit of co-operation and camaraderie to overcome classroom

Global task force planned to tackle supertanker spills

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By MICHAEL DYNES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

AN INTERNATIONAL antipollution task force capable of supervising the rapid response

The delegates will be asked

London, supported by the staff, computers and communications equipment necincations equipment necincation equipm needed to contain the envirto agree to a maritime convenonmental hazards caused by tion on "oil pollution preparsupertanker accidents is being edness and response", making is lacking in responses to planned for London. datory, backed by regional

The force would be responsible for drawing up global stockpiles of equipment, pollution task force which accident contingency plans, arranging regional stockpiles of equipment and chemicals needed to fight large oil spills, and co-ordinating anti-pollution specialists. The initiative stems from

the Exxon Valdez incident off Alaska last year when an estimated 267,000 barrels of crude oil were spilled into Prince William Sound with devastating environmental consequences. While attention focused on the \$2 billion clean-up operation, environmental organisations were centralised information on international anti-pollution resources. Many countries are

effectively left on their own to fight oil spills without any mechanism to facilitate support from neighbouring Delegates from the 134-

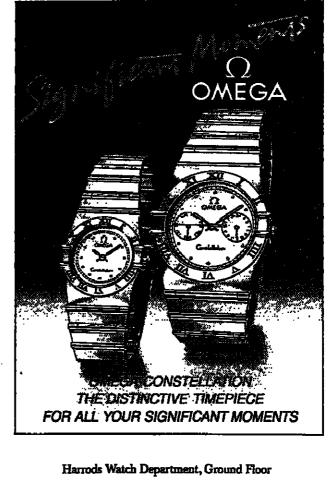
member International Maritime Organisation (IMO), the United Nations agency responsible for keeping the world's oceans safe and clean, arrive at the IMO's head-quarters in London on Mon-day in an attempt to agree on a designed to eliminate the

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Planning law would increase compensation Mr Spicer said that there fences will rise from £2,000 to ment secretary will be able to regulate the use to which local By JOHN YOUNG

THE government's radical proposals to streamline the planning system, which include increased compensation for people whose homes are compulsorily purchased, were published yesterday in the planning and compensation

Michael Spicer, the plan-ning minister, said the proposals aimed to make the planning process far more clear-cut; he hoped there would be far fewer disputes and appeals.

The most important change on compensation will be an increase in payments to Owner-occupiers whose homes are compulsorily purchased. They will receive the market value of their home, plus 10 breach of planning control is suspected and to issue planmaximum of £15,000. The minister estimated that the mini minister estimated that the random will be an offence. In the provisions by which proposes for better conficult cost of compensation will be an offence. In the provisions by which proposes for better conficult cost of compensation will be an offence. In the provisions by which proposes for better conficult cost of compensation will be an offence. In the provisions by which proposes for better conficult cost of compensation will be an offence. In the provisions of which proposes for better conficult cost of compensation will be an offence. In the provisions of which proposes for better conficult cost of compensation will be an offence. In the provisions of which proposes for better conficult cost of compensation will be an offence. In the provisions of which proposes for people affected by transport schemes such as million to £97 million a year, planning enforcement of will be revised. The environ-

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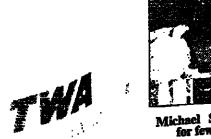
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step but no jumps in the right direction". Tony Burton, the and forestry. He was disappointed there was no pro-vision for better public

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors said the bill did not go far enough, and that compensation should be paid to all whose property was compulsorily acquired. Kent county council welcomed the proposals for better com-



Popes against the Eurocrats

Clifford Longley

hen an unusual word appears in their newspaper, people rush to the dictionary. One they will not find, even in the great Oxford English Dictionary, is subsidiarity. It figures in the arguments about Britain's place in the European Community, and some believe it to be the fundamental principle at to be the fundamental principle at

stake. But what does it mean? Subsidiarity is often summarised as the principle that decisions should be taken as far down a hierarchical power structure as possible, as close to those affected as possible. It is therefore closely related to the concepts of participation and democracy. So national governments should not do what local government can do; local authorities should not usurp what neighbourhoods can do. The abolition of the Greater London Council and the Inner London Education Authority, their powers transferred to the boroughs, was a good example of subsidiarity. The transfer of education to national government would conflict with it.

The first and classic definition, not quite the one rapidly becoming familiar in EC shorthand, dates from 1931. Subsidiarity "is a fundamental principle of social philosophy, fixed and unchange-able, that one should not withdraw from individuals and commit to the community what they can accomplish by their own enter-prise and industry". The clue is "fixed and unchangeable": the only people who speak like that are popes, who do not have to explain how a principle first stated clearly in 1931 can already be

fixed and unchangeable".

The words are from the great encyclical Quadragesimo Anno of Pius XI. He went on to add a secondary definition, which is becoming central to the EC controversy. "So too it is an injustice and at the same time a grave evil and disturbance of right order to transfer to the larger and higher collectivity functions which can be performed and provided for by

lesser and subordinate bodies." While 1931 was the crucial year in the crystallisation of the concept of subsidiarity, however, the authorities say the principle was implicit in the teachings of Pope Leo XIII in the 1890s. He is said to have based it on Aquinas, who developed it from St Paul (1 Corinthians 12), who may have got it from the neo-platonists.

So subsidiarity is drawn more from natural-law philosophy than from revelation. It is not necesary, in other words, to be a Roman Catholic to believe in it. But the considerable influence of Catholics in the Brussels secretariat and the European Parliament would explain how the word has entered contemporary politics. It is also said to have been taken up in French socialist thinking in the 1930s, possibly as an antidote to communist centralism, so it is not surprising that it is a word known and used by Jacques Delors. Ironically, none of the popes who have promulgated it as Catholic social teaching was comfortable about applying it to the church itself, though that was the context

of St Paul's treatment.

Pope Pius XII also used subsidiarity and Pope John XXIII loved it dearly, including an enthusiastic passage on it in his encyclical Mater et Magister. The intervention of public authority, he said there, was to "encourage, stimulate, regulate, supplement and complement". He went on "The state should leave to these smaller groups the settlement of business of minor importance. It will thus carry out with greater freedom, power and success the tasks belonging to it ... Let those in power, therefore, be convinced that the more faithfully this principle is followed, and a graded hierarchical order exists between the various subsidiary organisations, the more excellent will be both the authority and the eff-iciency of the social organisation as a whole and the happier and more prosperous the condition of

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vanished, and skipped the second:

Mr Heseltine is a driven man. All his life, he has badly wanted to

three: become an MP. Step four:

join the government and, even-

tually, the cabinet. Only step five

Since marching flamboyantly out

of the cabinet in 1986 over the

Westland affair, he has had to fight

an unorthodox leadership cam-

attend all the party press con-ferences each morning and to fax

their reports to him wherever he

was. Over the past four years, his

two House of Commons lieuten-

ants - Michael Mates and Keith

Hampson — have been regularly debriefed for any information they

had gleaned from MPs that might

support or damage his cause. Policy experts have been invited

into his Victoria Street office, over

which he presides like a minister,

so that he could pick their brains.

Every year or so, he has published

alternative political manifestos with titles such as Where There's a

Will and The Challenge of Europe:

Mr Heseltine's speeches are

littered with military metaphors:

battles to be won, enemies to be

beaten. His campaign is being run

with military precision. Messrs

Mates and Hampson divide the

House of Commons between

them. Each Conservative MP is

assessed for his potential. Is he

worried about the effect poll tax

will have on his own seat? Or is he

a Furo-sceptic who suspects that

Mr Heseltine is a closet federalist?

Does he fear that Mr Heseltine

would be unable to unite the

party? Anxieties are smoothed, egos buttressed. Lists will have

been drawn up to assess levels of

support: the pros, the antis and the

waverers. The latter are flattered

as they have never been flattered

Mr Heseltine may not have Conservative Central Office be-

hind him, but he has almost as

formidable a weapon: that fanati-

cal determination to win. Now, as

in earlier times, he will pull out

every stop he can to achieve his goal. Back in his Oxford days, Mr Heseltine was the subject of an Isis

Can Britain Win?

ruthless, but downright rude.

The New Catholic Encyclo-paedia, published by McGraw-Hill, contains an expert theological commentary on subsidiarity. This states that a planned economy centrally determining prices. wages, production and investment would violate the principle, as would nationalisation. Contrary to trends in liberal economics, however, Pius XI insisted that subsidiarity also required intermediate structures to stand between the state and the solitary individual. It is not only about devolving power downwards, therefore, but about each level of power having its proper place, even creating levels of power above the individual level where none previously existed.

These concepts, far from being fixed, are fluid, capable of adaptation to new situations. The level of international cooperation now in force and envisaged in the European Community was beyond the imagination of Pius XI in 1931, but subsidiarity is still a valid idea to prevent undue Brussels centralism, especially as British use of the term would automatically strike a chord of sympathy among Catholic Christian Democrats in the rest of Europe.

In the present international debate, subsidiarity is a more powerful idea than sovereignty. Though subsidiarity answers most of the same questions as sovereignty in much the same way, it is more rational and less mystical, and says more.

The instinctive British attachment to national sovereignty is a disguised expression of what people really fear about Brussels: the loss of subsidiarity. They want to retain as much control as possible over their own lives. At least they now have a word for their feelings, and a pope or two to cheer them on.

...and moreover

MATTHEW PARRIS

above Dundee, en route from Aberdeen to London, I reached the other day for my copy of The Times. The main front-page headline was only six words long: snappy enough. But as two of these were "Howe" and "Europe" the eye was not impelled onwards to the report they heralded. One of the other words, however. was "resigns", so a quick scan seemed merited. I came across such phrases as "Bradford North and Bootle" and "Sir Geoffrey, who is 63", and decided to study this important

matter later. Reverting to the previous day's Times, I took up where I had left off: page 13. It was an overseas page. I glanced at one of those "other news" columns of assorted mini-stories, a broken-biscuit box of items that may yield up an engaging busplunge in Colombia, genocide in Burundi, bloodbaths in Liberia or some other such tittletattle - the small change of news reporting after you have spent your front-page fiver catching up with the latest news from the boardroom at Polly Peck or backbench feeling on Michael Heseltine's haircut.

Something caught my eye. A tiny, one-paragraph story... Sao Paulo. A Brazilian transvestite sprayed gas into the cockpit of a Varig jet carrying 348 passengers, forcing the captain to land his plane in the Canary Islands. Passengers said that the plane lost altitude after a male passenger dressed as a woman used the spray can. The airline said the man had been deported from Portugal because he had no

money. (Reuter). Wow! Now that's what I call news! Why was this wonderful story buried on Page 13? By what eccentric editorial logic could the resignation of Sir Geoffrey Howe be a page one mine like this lay submerged a further 12 pages on?

Has Sir Geoffrey ever brought an airliner down? No. The very thought of him wielding an aerosol spray is ridiculous; he wouldn't know where to press. Nothing in his long career justifies the slightest hope that Sir Geoffrey might be - other news, Page 13".

wenty-thousand feet a transvestite, otherwise I should be organising his campaign for the leadership right now: for spice is the only thing this splendid man lacks. The merest glimpse of a high heel peeking from beneath the turnups of Sir Geoffrey's grey fiannel trousers and the man would be unstoppable. Without that - no: the Howe story simply won't run.

Now if I were Editor of The Times... **BRAZIL NUT DOWNS**

JUMBO ON CANARIES

Mystery airspray saga What a front-page headline! It would be in modest-sized type - nothing vulgar, for this is a quality paper - right across the top. The story, "From our correspondent in Tenerife", would start: "Hundreds of shocked passengers staggered, reeling from a Rio-bound jetliner forced into a mid-Atlantic emergency landing, here on the tiny island of Tenerife this morning. As embarrassed airline officials began piecing together evidence from eye-witness accounts, a bizarre story emerged."

And so it would continue. Packed with news, views, comment and background "colour". Who was this transvestite? What spray did he use? Why? What was he wearing? How common is it to deport transvestites from Portugal to Brazil? Do they deport them the other way, too? What is the cross-Atlantic balance in crossdressers between Lisbon and Rio? Which city is more convivial for a transvestite..? Oh, the possibilities are endless.

At the end of the article, which would fill most of the front page, and be illustrated with a map of the Atlantic indicating the Canary Islands and the flight path of the aircraft, would be an onward reference to "Leading Article Page 15" - where, in calm and measured prose, readers would find a judicious review of the many implications raised by

this disturbing affair.

Oh — and in the bottom corner of the front page, among the snippets of news within would be a single sentence: "Deputy prime minister resigns

Driven by a will to win

The Times Profile: as Tory MPs this weekend make t last month's Tory party conference, the talk was about the economy, edu-cation, whether radicalup their minds how to vote, will Michael Heseltine's ism or consolidation would prevail Prospects of a Gulf war seemed to have destroyed any chances of a leadership election. So when Michael Heseitine went electability offset their concern about his judgment? to a private dinner in Bourne-mouth, his companions were astonished to find that he had only



GERALD SCARFE: from Scarteland (Hamish Ha

paign from the backbenches.

But despite lacking the natural advantages of office, Mr Hesehine has run his campaign — and whatever he might claim, he has have supplied to the head of the Idol, written by his friend and rival Anthony Howard. "When Michael has been seriously opbeen running since the day he left posed in Union elections", wrote Mr Howard, "he has fought as though for his life." government - with the efficiency of a government department. At the last general election, he em-ployed a team of researchers to

The profile went on: "He has toiled for the Union as has probably no other undergraduate in the whole of its history." Mr Heseltine has toiled for the leadership of the Conservative party with similar diligence. When he flounced out of the cabinet over Westland, he took personal stock.
What were his faults? How could he persuade Tory MPs to back him? Every step since then has been calculated to address these

two, connected questions.

He was thought to have three faults: unreliability (sometimes described as lack of judgment), aloofness and superficiality. The first is the most worrying. Though storming out of cabinet, in the tradition of Joseph Chamberlain, may in the long run not count against him, seizing the that in the House of Commons, in the tradition of Ron Brown, showed an unfortunate tendency to histrionics. That will not be forgotten.

Since then, Mr Heseltine has the damage. Outside government, he has exerted great self-discipline. Dignity and decorum have guided his every step and utterance. His public loyalty to his party - if not to its leader - have been beyond reproach. At the last election, he campaigned harder, probably, than any cabinet minister to help the Conservatives be re-elected.

This tirelessness is not wholly altruistic. He knew that in the election that mattered he had to appeal to voters who are not in the country but on the Conservative benches in the House of Commons. Every constituency he has visited in the past four years - and he has spoken at three or four local functions a week - has represented a favour to be called in. Every plate of soggy roast chicken and soft-boiled vegetables he has

could have saved themselves a lot

of trouble. Within minutes, a

single telephone call had located a

copy in a Westminster public

library only a short walk from Downing Street. But then a public

library is probably the last place

today's leading apostle of privati-sation would think of looking.

A hundred years after the birth of Boris Pasternak, Muscovites might at last

have the chance to see his translanave the chance to see his transia-tions of Hamlet and King Lear on stage. A centenary exhibition of Pasternak's life and work at London's South Bank Centre has

prompted interest in mounting a

Soviet première of one or both of

the plays.
"The Pasternak versions have

never been staged in Russia," says

Count Andrei Tolstoy, organiser of the exhibition. "Hamlet was

banned by Stalin and King Lear by

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had to eat will become ammunition in his fight.

For that fight is also about

addressing his second problem: winning friends in the party. In politics, it helps to be liked. Part or perhaps most — of Mrs Thatcher's problem is that she is not. Mr Heseltine, like her, has always been a loner. He is not a tea-room politician and until recently could probably not have put a name to the face of most junior Conservative MPs. Julian Critchley, the maverick

Tory MP and unofficial biographer of Mr Heseltine, was once a close friend of his, and in 1967 the

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two men shared a house while Mr Critchley edited Town, a magazine set up by Mr Heseltine. The magazine did badly, and Mr Heseltine sacked his friend, forcing Mr Critchley to sell back to him at cost price the flat in the house they shared.

"Our friendship was over," wrote Mr Critchley. "The episode is unimportant save for the light it sheds upon Michael. It has been said that he does tend to pick his friends for what they can contribute to him, and once they have done so, the friendship is expendable. Michael is not a social animal." He is curiously shy for

one who spends so much time in

the public eye.

Even in cabinet, Mr Heseltine was not widely popular. A group of his colleagues was once invited to watch a demonstration of how members of the Special Air Service would free hostages from a hijacked plane. On the return journey the ministers discussed an offer made during an earlier, real hijack to free all the hostages if a government minister were handed over to replace them. In such circumstances, they mused, what should they do? "Send Heseltine,"

they decided, with one voice.

Mr Heseltine thinks he is a man
of destiny. Such politicians are
often not liked by their peers. Think of Mrs Thatcher or David Owen. Yet what, apart from his ambition, impels him? With destiny should come a mission; a desire and an ability to change the course of events.

He certainly has panache. Hav-ing arrived at Oxford from a middle-class background and schooling at Shrewsbury, he was ignored by the Etonians from Christ Church who ran the Conservative association. Undeterred, he simply set up his own rival group, the Blue Ribbon Club. From that power base, he was elected chairman of the Oxford Union, and turned the organisation around financially by improving the food, installing a television and converting the cellars into a jazz club.

By the age of 28, through a series of well-judged property deals, he was rich enough to have his own chauffeur. In the late Fifties he went into magazine publishing, and survived near-bankruptcy a few years later. Now Haymarket Publishing, 51 per cent owned by Heseltine family trusts, is esti-mated to be worth more than £100

Mr Heseltine has chutzpah too. "He's a great man for trying it on," claims a former cabinet colleague. One example: when environment secretary, and having to negotiate his spending demands with the chief secretary to the Treasury, then John Biffen, he suggested that they meet at the environment department so that he could be on his home ground. Officials at the

He is also, like Mrs Thatcher, supremely energetic — "over-energetic", says an unfriendly Tory MP. He is a great believer in the notion that most problems can be solved through personal application. Some people say he is a good manager, others that this tends to manifest itself with little more than strings of initiatives.
"He was like a little boy with his
Meccano set when he first took over at the environment depart-ment," says a political colleague. He also has a tendency to domi-nate. His cabinets would doubtless prove no more collective than those of Mrs Thatcher. While president of the Oxford Union, his affection for the place was "rather possessive", said the Isis Idol, "for it relentlessly requires that the Union shall conform to his plans."

oes he have vision? Can he escape the charge of superficiality? The books he has produced (with considerable belp from others) set out a distinctive ideological position; over industrial policy, at least, different from that of Mrs Thatcher. He is interventionist, an admirer of German or Japanese dirigisme. His opponents claim his corporatism is no different from Ted Heath's. Yet be is not a wet; he is not even damp. When defence secretary, he was always careful to offer a cut in one area to offset a spending demand in another. He is in favour of workfare", which makes benefits dependent on service to the programmity. And he was a tough minister, sometimes too decisive for the likes of those under him.

Mr Heseltine is no intellectual. He barely reads books (dyslexia being a handicap) and won the nickname of Michael Philistine at university. There, he scraped a second-class degree. Thrust into a philosophical discussion, his eyes glaze. What he is interested in is the politics of politics: how to win. But his concept of winning is sophisticated. No environment secretary has been so ardent in pursuit of architectural conservation, correctly perceiving that here upmarket floating voter, as well as of the Tory heartlands of the south of England. He was popular at this department, and fought bitterly against Treasury pressure to in-troduce rate-capping and, even-

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Mr Heachine resembles an

American politician. Financed entirely by his own wealth, he has campaigned single-handedly around the country. He packages his views as attractively as would an American presidential candidate. He understands a basic truth of democratic politics, "all politics is local politics". He has a strength and a vigour that enables him to appeal beyond parliament elected its leaders through primaries, Mr Heseltine would be prime minister now.

His constituency, though, is smaller. He has to swing the vast mass of the party behind him. He has no chance of recruiting the small group of Tory MPs that is passionately against European integration, but most of the rest are either agnostic on the issue or actively in favour. "As far as they are concerned," says a Tory MP, "the only real disaster they see their country may have to face is that they might not be in the next parliament." So Mr Heseltine's pledge to reform the poll tax which in its present form they see as the biggest threat to their seats - may turn out to be the best calculated move of this mericulously planned political career.

Perish the thoughts

before.

rs Thatcher has ordered an all-out search for a copy of Michael Hesel-tine's book, Where There's a Will, now out of print, which sets out his alternative strategy for running the country.

The elusive work was published in the spring of 1987 immediately before the last general election and, perhaps unsurprisingly, the prime minister does not have a copy of her own. But Tory Central Office does not have one either. A spokesman for the Conservative bookshop says: "We haven't had one for ages. But we have been looking everywhere. We have been ringing all round London but we just can't find one." Surely Downing Street must have a copy of an important work by so recent a cabinet member? "We know it hasn't. It is desperate for one and has asked us to find it - quick."

A search of London bookshops has so far proved futile and Century Hutchinson, the publisher, has no plans for a reprint. "I don't think there is enough interest," says a spokeswoman. "By the time we did a reprint all the excitement would be over. We are

not going to bother."

Julian Haviland, a former political editor of ITN and of The Times, who collaborated with Heseltine on the book, is in no doubt why Mrs Thatcher's campaign managers are so keen to get their hands on a copy. "They want to go through it line by line, as they do with the writings of all their political enemies, to try to trip him up - and perhaps after that, burn it. Nevertheless, I am amazed that Downing Street hasn't got one."
However, the Diary has discov-

ered that Mrs Thatcher's aides

Khrushchev, I have suggested an

Anglo-Soviet production to several people. Because production costs in Moscow are so low, it would cost a British backer virtually nothing."
A co-production would be particularly appropriate given Pas-ternak's ties with British Shakes-

pearean actors. When working on the translations, Pasternak con-sulted Sir John Gielgud, Lord Olivier and Paul Scofield. The correspondence is on show at the

exhibition. Hamlet might be a safer bet for Moscow than King Lear. For Gorbachev the sight of a kingdom being divided in three could prove a little too close to home.

Brush-off boomerang where are relishing the Tory leadership contest. Gerald Scarfe is preparing his quilt with a specially large dose of venom for Michael Heseltine. He has carried a sense of grievance since 1965 when Heseltine, then owner/editor of Town magazine. commissioned two charcoal drawings, of Enoch Powell and Ian Macleod.

"The usual procedure", says.
Scarfe, "is that a magazine buys.

the reproduction rights but the originals return to the artist. -I never got them back, and when I asked Heseltine be refused. About ten years later I went up to him at the Tory party conference and asked him point blank. He insisted that they were legally his."
With Heseltine's office saying it

was too busy to comment, Scarfe says he has no idea of the whereabouts of the drawings, though as Heseltine's Belgravia

front door has regularly swung open for the cameras in recent days his walls have appeared to be covered with prints. "I think they are probably hanging in the loo," says Scarfe. So is the ill-feeling reflected in the way Scarfe draws Mrs Thatcher's challenger? "Little bits of these things do rub off", he admits. Then, on looking again at his drawing of the "Heselswine" (see above) he revises his view. A lot appears to have rubbed off.

Save the Bride

ith the appearance on the London property market of the Architectural Press's old building in Queen Anne's Gate, architects are about to be deprived of their favourite watering hole. The magazine moves out of its 1770 Georgian building in January following its takeover by one of Robert Maxwell's many enterprises, and with it will go The Bride of Denmark, the historic private pub in the basement that has been the meeting place for Britain's leading architects for nearly 50 years.

The Bride was created by Hubert the Bride was created by Hubert de Cronin Hastings, a former owner of the Press, and the artist John Piper from a collection of bits and pieces salvaged from bombed pubs after the second world war. John Betjeman was closely associated with it. Mirrors engraved by ciated with it. Mirrors engraved by architects such as Frank Lloyd Wright and Buckminster Fuller adorn the walls.

Staff at the Press have joined forces with Britain's architects in appealing to Maxwell to save the pub via a leaseback arrangement with the new owners. "It is a cultural institution, one of the most curious pubs in Britain" says Dan Cruickshank of the Press. Architects need a meeting place

spire them, architects might offer another spate of all that charmless chrome and fake-leatherette that disfigured the tradition of the great British pub in the 1960s and '70s.

Out with a bang

lthough officially the Royal Opera House remains silent on suggestions that Dame Joan Sutherland will make one more "final" appearance at Covent Garden, the talk backstage suggests that the plan will go ahead - and that the Australian-born diva will be joined by Luciano Pavarotti and the producer Franco Zeffirelli.

Dame Joan, who made ber official farewell to the opera stage in Australia last month, is expected to sing a couple of arias in the party scene of Die Fledermaus on New Year's Eve. Were she to be joined by Pavarotti, a partnership first forged at Covent Garden when they sang famously in Donizeth's La fille du regiment in 1966, it would be the biggest musical event of many a season, and a live television transmission. and a live television transmission

is in the offing.

Zeffirelli, of course, was the producer of the 1959 production of Lucia di Lammermoor, which made Sutherland's name, and his presence would add to the glitter of the occasion. He has not been back to Covent Garden in years. Could his likely New Year visit mean the management is mean the management is about to offer him a new production? And, perhaps more to the point, given the House's financial difficulties, can it afford him?

Is the CBI a horbed of socialism? Eric Hammond, leader of the electricians union, seems to think so. Talking about his membership "Architects need a meeting place of the CBI task force on wider share ownership, he described his colleagues as "a little to my left but nice fellows for all that".

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Paris summit gives belated welcome to post-Cold War era

IT HAS been compared to the Congress of Vienna, the glittering gathering that established the post-Napoleonic order. But when President Bush, President Gorbachev and the leaders of 32 other nations assemble in Paris on Monday to usher in the post-Cold. War era on the old continent, their three-day summit will be more speciacle than substance.

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For the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE) has become almost superfluous. Billed as the long-delayed European peace settlement, clearing up the unfinished business of the second world war, it has been overtaken by events of the past 18 months. German unity has been achieved. Soviet troops and tanks are rumbling home. The military confrontation has melted away as the Warsaw Pact disintegrates and Nato scrambles for a new strategy, purpose and image. Eastern Europe has rejoined the mainstream and from Dublin to Lublin, Poland, nations are already forging new political and eco-nomic links.

CSCE itself is a child of the Cold War it was supposed to end. It is the culmination of the process that began in Helsinki in 1975. Yet, with barely a breathing space, the process goes on. Negotiators who spent 21 months in nearly non-stop bargaining to produce the treaty which will cut conventional weapons in Europe by 28 per cent. Events in the Eastern bloc have overtaken the architects of a new Europe. Yet a shadow still hangs over the continent, Michael Binyon and Michael Evans write

not tanks and other combat equipment, will be the focus.

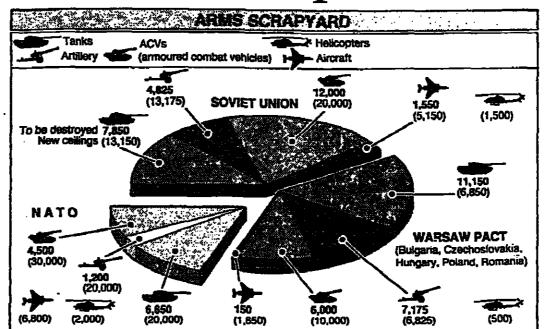
The follow-on Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) talks are not expected to produce a ceiling on troop numbers like the limits on weapons in the agreement to be signed in Paris. The new negotiations will be aimed at guaranteeing total openness on troop levels. Many of the troop withdrawals will be unilateral. Earlier this week Paris said that 9,000 troops of the French 3rd Armoured Division. based in Germany, almost 20 per cent of its total force there, would be withdrawn next year. Germany is also pledged to cut its armed forces to 375,000 within three to

Monday's ceremony in Paris will be deliberately grandiose. Leaders representing North America and every European nation — even isolationist Albania will now attend as an observer - will enshrine their commitment to peace, human rights and security. The conference was supposed to map out the architecture of the new Europe, to erect, in Mr Gorb-

are to meet on November 29 to achev's words, the "common start again. This time manpower, European home". But much of the home is under construction already. One wing is being built in Brussels, where the integration of Western Europe is proceeding

> In Strasbourg, the Council of Europe is incorporating new members from Central and Easteru Europe and reasserting its role as the guardian of European values and human rights. The old Austro-Hungarian empire is taking shape again. The Paris summit was supposed to give pan-European endorsement to German reunification. But reunification came early.Already the fears of Germany's neighbours are dissolving.

> The leaders will set up a small permanent secretariat, based in Prague, to arrange follow-up summits every two years as well as regular meetings of foreign min-isters and senior officials. They will also establish a conflict prevention centre, to monitor any military build-up and convene meetings to prevent aggression. And they will agree in principle to



nationalist quarrels spilling over into actual conflict. The summit will set up an assembly of the 34 nations, to be drawn from national parliaments, to meet in the buildings of the Council of Europe in Strasboury.

The real importance of the summit lies in its symbolism: a symbolism vital to the East, and especially to the Soviet Union. A summit will not save President Gorbachev's country from bankruptcy, nor will his basking in the

applause of fellow leaders bolster his own tottering position. But he has made it clear that, for Moscow, the public spectacle of reconciliation with the West and a face-saving way of slashing the defence budget is the minimum continued for

rapprochement. The Paris accord was achieved only after bitter wrangling between the Soviet Union and its East European allies. Moscow had fought hard with Nato negotiators

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to raise the so-called sufficiency rule, enabling the Soviet army to keep more than the proposed maximum 12,000 tanks allowed any one country within the overall

alliance ceiling of 20,000. Negotiators in Vienna eventually settled on a sufficiency limit of 13,300 tanks and 13,700 artillery pieces for any one country. But Moscow's allies wanted a better share-out of armour, and Moscow was forced to accept different totals: 13,150 tanks and

Moscow's allies an additional 150 tanks and 525 artillery pieces to share out among themselves.

Based on the latest Nato assessments, the Soviet Union will have three years in which to destroy 7,850 tanks, 4,825 artillery pieces. 12,000 armoured combat vehicles and 1,550 combat aircraft. The Nato figures show that, with each alliance limited to 20,000 tanks. 20,000 artillery pieces, 30,000 armoured combat vehicles, 2,000 combat helicopters and 6,800 combat aircraft, 61,980 pieces of equipment, 11,280 in Nato and 50,700 in the Warsaw Pact, will have to be destroyed. The Soviet Union alone will get rid of 25,500 items. The Nato figures include equipment belonging to the former East Germany.

According to Nato, neither alliance will have to destroy any helicopters. The ceiling is 2,000 each, with no country allowed more than 1,500. Nato has only 1,630 combat belicopters and the Warsaw Pact 2.000. Nato also has fewer combat aircraft than the agreed ceiling in this category, 6,100 against a CFE limit of 6,800.

Only one shadow hangs over the jamboree: the spectre of disintegration in the Soviet Union. If the Soviet Union collapses into an economic mess and possible civil war, all the hopes for a stable and predictable Europe will be thrown into jeopardy.

Baltic states waiting for independence by default

By ANATOL LIEVEN

tic republics have declared that they will not sign any "All Union Treaty" setting up a new and looser Soviet confederation. In effect, this means they will leave the Soviet Union by default. "Who in their right mind today would want to remain in any kind of Soviet Union?" a Lithuanian parliamentary aide said.

The growing political paralysis in Moscow is also contributing to deadlock in the negotiations on the path to independence between Moscow and the three republics. Members of the Baltic national movements are, however, not especially concerned, believing that the decline of Soviet power is so precipitous that independence

Speaking to parliament in Vilnius on Thursday, Kazimieta Prunskiene, the Lithuanian prime minister, told deputies that her negotiations earlier this week with Nikolai Ryzhkov, her Soviet counterpart, were fruitless. In view of the Soviet lack of response to Lithuanian proposals, she said, she could not see how serious

negotiations could begin. Similar lack of progress is reported by representatives of Latvia and Estonia, Lithuanian politicians think the reason for this Soviet position could as much be Soviet governmental chaos as Soviet ill-will. This chaos, coupled with economic decline, has destroyed the lingering support of some moderate members of the Baltic national movements for the

idea of confederation. Added to the growing separatism of Boris Yeltsin, president of the Russian Federation, these factors have also greatly under-mined the opposition to indepen-dence of the large Russian-speaking populations in the Baltic states, since they are now well aware that their living standards are much higher than they would be in Russia.

The outburst by Colonel Victor Alksnis, a Latvian deputy, in the Soviet parliament earlier this week in which he threatened President Gorbachev with intervention by the army to preserve the union, reflects the desperation of Baltic hardline Soviet loyalists.

Their despair is increased by the fact that even Russian nationalists in the Russian Federation, obsessed with the problems of Russia itself, seem for the moment at least to have lost interest in the fate of Russian minorities in other republics. It seems that ordinary Russians have reached the mood of Britain in the late 1940s and the French towards the end of the Algerian War: they are so exhausted and taken up with other concerns that all the old appeals to imperial pride and loyalty have little effect. The Soviet loyalists of the Baltic thus stand alone in their loyalty to the fading shadow of Soviet power.

Balts, however, remain worried that, when economic change begins seriously to affect the heavy industrial sectors where most local Russians work, ethnic conflict could grow. Hitherto, the Baltic has been cushioned from the economic misery afflicting the Russian Federation because of its relatively efficient agricuture and consumer industry. But for the first time cheese, milk and eggs are begining to be in short supply although they remain vastly more

abundant than in Russia. The main question mark hanging over the Baltic independence process is now not political but economic. The new national govcraments of all three republics are

REPRESENTATIVES of the Bal- finding the road to economic reform and autonomy much harder than they expected before they came to power. Hampered by its members almost complete ignorance of the practical workings of capitalism, the Lithuanian parliament is bogged down in endless confused debates on privatisation.

Thanks to its close links with Finland, Estonia is well ahead of the other two republics in economic reform. But, like them, its government has been unable even to set a rapid timetable for the development of an Estonian currency, without which independent statehood is inconceivable. There is a real danger, therefore, that the Soviet Union will collapse from he anywhere near ready to stand on their own economically.

Members of the Baltic governments, encouraged by the expansion of Swedish and Finnish consulates in the Baltic states, are pinning their hopes on help from Western Europe and especially Scandinavia. In the words of an Estonian economist, "if the worst comes to the worst, and Soviet economic collapse gives us no choice but to survive alone, I am sure we will not be allowed to

 BONN: Germany is to send the Soviet Union DM1 billion (£345) million) in humanitarian aid, including 1.6 billion eigarettes, to help President Gorbachev introduce his economic reforms (Ian Murray writes).

Officials at the agriculture ministry are assembling the aid package, which is meant to ensure that some basic supplies are available throughout the coming winter.

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Man of the moment: Boris Yeltsin, president of the Russian Federation, shaking hands with delegates to the Soviet parliament yesterday after they abandoned the official agenda on the economy and demanded that President Gorbachev address them

Election mirrors Yugoslav conflict

From Richard Bassett in Sarajevo AND DESSA TREVISAN IN BELGRADE

Croats and Muslims which threaten to destroy Yugoslavia's precarious federation will be mirrored here this weekend when the republic of Bosnia-Hercegovina holds its first multi-party election for more than half a century. It is an election which echoes in min-iature all the racial, religious and cultural conflicts of Yugoslavia.

Nowhere in the Balkans is the fault-line between East and West so apparent. Bosnia's population is split almost equally between Serbs, Muslims and Croats. Relations between all three groups

have been strained by an upsurge in nationalism similar to that in Croatia and Serbia. With no tradition of democratic

politics, the elections, unsurpris-ingly, have unleashed new pol-

ETHNIC rivalries between Serbs, itical forces. Nigaz Durakovic, leader of the former communist party, now known as the Party of Democratic Changes, said yes-terday: "We are seeing in Bosnia an outburst of hitherto suppressed political energies."

The elections are being con-tested by 40 political parties but observers believe the Party of Democratic Action will win a third of the votes, capturing most of the Muslim voters.

Their leader, Mr Alia Izetbegovic is an example of the dazzling rise in Eastern European politics of former political pris-oners with literary flair. Impris-oned in 1983 after trials of Muslim fundamentalists, Mr Izetbegovic's latest book, Reflections from the Prison Cell, will be published later this year. Charismatic and highly intelligent, he appears capable of rallying the Muslims.

At the opposite end of the

political spectrum stands the lead-er of Bosnia's Serbs, Radovan Karadzic whose power base is close to the troubled area of Knin where armed Serbs set up road blocks recently. Mr Karadzic's party supports the National Coun-cil of Serbs. Threatening to split the Serb vote, however, is the more moderate Nenad Kecmanovic, the rector of Sarajevo university, who is extremely popular among young Bosnians.

Voting will be a testing ground for the future, for if equilibrium cannot be sustained here, few can imagine it surviving much longer in the rest of Yugoslavia.

Military plea to poll contenders

From ROGER BOYES IN WARSAW should ultimately become a volunteer force. He is committed

THE Polish army, visibly nervous about the prospect of Lech Walesa becoming president, has urged politicians not to use the military card in the election campaign.

Admiral Piotr Kolodzieiczyk the defence minister, took the unprecedented step of summoning a press conference this week to demonstrate that the pace of army reforms was already rapid and that neither witch-hunts nor radical shake-ups were needed. "It is unethical to play the military card in an election campaign," he said.

The problem is that the president of Poland has important military powers. He is ex officio the supreme commander of the armed forces, and when parliament is not sitting he can declare a state of war, or martial law. In the case of armed aggression, he can appoint a new commander-in-chief.
While General Wojciech Jaru-

elski occupied the presidency, there was no concern: a shared identity of interests bound the top brass to the general who served as ago, the army has been pruned.

But the high command is not exactly full off admirers of Solidarity or of Mr Walesa.

Mr Walesa's election programme is rather thin on military affairs. Like his main rival,

Tadeusz Mazowiecki, the prime

minister, he believes that the army

defence minister for 20 years. Since the Solidarity-led government came to power 14 months Political officers have been removed and technically at least

the army has been depoliticised.

military counter-espionage service," said Bronislaw Komorowski, a deputy defence Walesa loyalists also criticise

witch-hunt.

the Mazowiecki government for trying to reform the Warsaw Pact rather than stage a complete withdrawal. The prime minister has tried to

to a strong army. It should change

its source of supplies, away from

Soviet bloc weaponry to the West.

Thursday rejected a wholesale

shift in arms supplies, the army is

worried about attitudes rather

than campaign promises. The key element in Mr Walesa's campaign

is the commitment to bring for-

mer members of the communist

administration to trial. Almost all

of the generals responsible for

plotting martial law in December

1981 have been purged, but the

fear is that there will be a broader

There have been suggestions

that military counter-intelligence

co-operates too closely with the

discredited civilian secret police -

yet they have been spared any real

purge. "I must warn against radical witch-hunts against the

Although the top brass on

calm down the generals with a wide-ranging interview published in the army newspaper, Polska Zbojna: "All of us — the par-liament, the president, the government and the whole society are responsible for the army's strength and its defence capacity." Not just the president, in other words.

Talks fail to resolve differences over Gatt

Brussels — After hours of talks between a US cabinet team headed by James Baker, the Secretary of State, and the European Commission, the gulf between the US and the European Community on agriculture and world trade remained as wide as ever (Michael Binyon writes).

Clayton Yeutter, the US agriculture secretary, said he was still pessimistic about reaching agreement, and put the chances at considerably less than 50-50. He said the community offer was "not even in the ball-park."

Mr Baker said many problems and little time remained in the current talks under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt). But intense discussions would continue.

Yesterday's meeting came after the talks with President Bush in Washington of Jacques Delors, the EC Commission president. Both sides expressed determination to achieve success in Gatt. Mr Baker and M Delors said that as the two principal partners in the talks, each side has a special respon-

Judges re-elected

New York - Gilbert Guillaume of France and Sir Robert Jennings of Britain have been re-elected as judges of the International Court of Justice and three eminent jurists, from Sri Lanka, Venezuela, and Madagascar, have been elected to the UN's principal legal body for the first time. They begin nine-year terms at The Hague next year. (Reuter)

Gorbachev visit

Rome - The Pope will meet President Gorbachev tomorrow for the second time in a year, the Vatican said. The announcement prompted speculation that a date could be set for an historic first papal trip to the Soviet Union. Joaquin Navarro-Valls, the chief Vatican spokesman, said that Mr Gorbachev had asked for an audience with the Pope. (Reuter)

Reforms delayed

Sofia - Bulgaria's leaders, including Andrei Lukanov, the socialist prime minister, agreed yesterday to postpone until next Thursday a crucial vote on government-sponsored economic reforms, to allow opposition amendments. The delay seemed only to prolong Bulgar-ia's year-old political difficulties, while the country's economy is in ruins. (AP)

Network frozen

Rome - Italy and Germany, which have admitted participating in Operation Gladio, said that their roles in the covert Nato anti-Soviet resistance network had ceased, Giulio Andreotti, the Italian prime minister, said Gladio had been frozen and was no longer

Guatemala police stalk street urchins

From Alan Tomlinson IN GUATEMALA CITY

"I ONLY wanted to be a child, and they wouldn't let me," reads the inscription on Nahaman Carmona's gravestone, It is a fitting epitaph, not only for the 13year-old street urchin beaten to death by police who found him sniffing glue in March, but for all the 5,000 or more homeless children who live on the streets of this cold mountain city.

The children, many of them orphaned or abandoned, have become victims of an underground campaign of violence by policemen both on and off duty, who blame them for the city's soaring crime rate. Human rights groups have catalogued more than 40 killings of street urchins so far

this year, plus countless beatings, kidnappings, rape and torture. Witnesses say that Nahaman was among nine children as-

saulted by four policemen, who kicked them and poured the glue they were sniffing over their heads. The homeless children inhale cheap cobbler's glue to keep warm, ward off hunger pangs and to forget their abject lives of theft and prostitution.

Nahaman was beaten so severely that he died ten days later. He suffered bruises over 70 per cent of his body. While in hospital he was denied basic emergency care for two days, until workers from Covenant House, a New York-based child welfare organisation, intervened to pay for the cost of his treatment. Nahaman became a couse célèbre, but he was not the first. Two sniffing. After Covenant House urchins were found dead in October last year, with cigarette burns on their backs and blows and gunshot wounds to their heads. Witnesses said that they had been abducted by off-duty policemen.

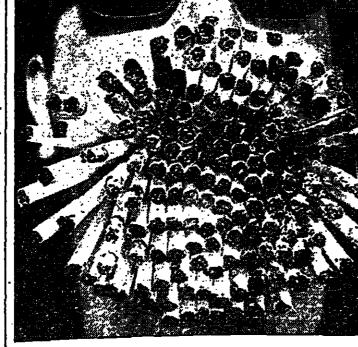
Covenant House took up the children's plight earlier this year, opening a refuge in the city and initiating an investigation of Nahaman's death. "The abuse is overwhelming," Bruce Harris, the group's regional director, said. These children have nobody. They have no voice, but their

silence is deafening." Nahaman's best friend, Francisco Siac, aged 14, went into hiding after being threatened and beaten repeatedly by police, in April, police forced a group of convicted yet of a human rights boys to swallow the glue they were abuse.

lodged a formal complaint, one of the victims disappeared. Matters got worse when four

policemen were arrested in June in connection with Nahaman's death. Eight street children were abducted four days later by men in a jeep. Five of the boys have not been seen since. The bodies of three were discovered soon afterwards, with their eyes burned out and their tongues and ears cut off. The message to potential witnesses could not have been clearer.

Human rights activists are sceptical that the case against the four arrested policemen will be successfully prosecuted. No Guatemalan security officer has been



Fagged out: non-smoker Jim Month puffing on a record 152 cigarettes in Hollywood to demonstrate the absurdity of smoking during the "The Great American Smoke-out"



COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE Waste Water Works, 1846 Wight, to view the Clariflow ocess. Commander Richard Aylard,

RN, was in attendance. His Royal Highness, Colonel-in-Chief, 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, received Lieutenant Colonel Brian

Palace.
Subsequently, The Prince of
Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, 5th
Royal Inniskilling Dragoon
Guards, attended the annual

YORK HOUSE

ST JAMES'S PALACE November 16: The Duke of Kent this morning opened the Technology Centre at Harraby School, Edgebill Road, Carlise

November 16: The Prince of noon attended a Dedication Wales visited the Sandown Ceremony for the new War Waste Water Works, Isle of Memorial in Carlisle Town Hall Memorial in Carlisle Town Hall Square and, later, visited Cumberland Newspapers at Dalston Road, Cartisle.

The Duke of Kent, Colonel, Scots Guards, this evening attended a Dinner given by the Carlisle Branch of the Scots Guards Association at the Roundthorn Hotel, Penrith.

Anderson upon relinquishing command of the Regiment and Lieutenant Colonel David Montgomery upon assuming the appointment, at Kensington Palace.

The Prince of Roundthorn Hotes, remainded a Captain the Hon Christopher Knoffys was in attendance.

The Prince of the Yorkshire County Cricket Club, this afternoon attended a Carvice of Thanksgiving for the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Sir Leonard Hutton in York Minster.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE November 16: Princess Alexandra and Sir Angus Ogilvy, attended by Lady Nicholas and was received on arrival by
Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant
for Cumbria (Sir Charles
Graham, Bt).

attended by Lady Nicholas
Gordon Lennox, arrived at
Royal Air Force Wattisham this
afternoon from Spain.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.B. Casack and Miss M.H. Gibson

The engagement is announced between Shane, eldest son of the late Dr James Cusack and of Mrs Pamela Cusack, of Salisbury, Wiltshire, and Helen, daughter of Mr and Mrs George Gibson, of West Malling, Kent. Mr M.R.H. Eldridge and Miss R.H. Karlaiemi

The engagement is announced between Mark Robert Humsman, son of the late Mr David Eldridge and of Mrs Eldridge, of Wallon, Drewsteignton, Devon, and Ritva Helena, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ossi Kariniemi, of Elimaki, Finland.

Mr S.D.G. Guiton and Dr F.O. Finlay
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Major and Mrs Dermot Guiton, of Bryncoedifor, Gwynedd, Fiona, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs Raymond Finlay, of

Cadogan Park, Belfast, Mr P. Jones and Miss S.A. Lewis The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Jones, of Prescot,

Birthdays

Black, 58; Dr S. L. Bragg, aeronautical engineer, 67; Dr G. Bulmer, former rector, Liverpool Polytechnic, 70; General Sir Philip Christison, 97; Mr Peter Cook, actor and writer, 53; Lord Craigmyle, 67; Mr John Dobson, tenor, 60; Mr David Emanuel, fashion designer, 38; Miss Fenella Fielding, actress, 56; Mr Michael Freeman, orthopaedic surgeon, 59; Colonel Sir Alastair Graesser, 75; the Rev Dr Kenneth Greet, former president, Methodist Conference, 72; Lieutenant-General Sir Charles

Sir Patrick Hamilton, com-pany chairman, 82; Mr Colin Hayes, painter, 71; Professor Anthony King, professor of government, 56; Mr J. L. Lowther, the Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire, 67; Sir Charles Mackerras, conductor, 65; Sir Godfrey Messervy, chair-man Costsin Gerson, 66; Sir man, Costain Group, 66; Sir Leshe Murphy, non-executive director, PEL Group, 75; Lord Polwarth, 74; Mr Jonathan Ross, broadcaster, 30; the Right Rev John Satterthwaite, Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe, 65; the Right Rev Cyril Tucker, former Bishop of the Falkland Islands, 79; Mr John Wells, writer, actor and director, 54; the Earl of Winchilsea, 54.

TOMORROW: Professor Sir David Bates, physicist, 74; Mr-John Camden, chairman, RMC Group, 65; Sir Kenneth Clucas, civil servant, 69; Professor C.D. Cowan, former director, School of Oriental and African Studies, of Oriental and African Studies, of 7; Lord Cullen, 55; Sir Bruce Fraser, civil servant, 80; the Rev V.H.H. Green, former rector, Lincoln College, Oxford, 75; Mr David Hemmings, actor, director and producer, 49; Mr John Hosier, former principal, Guidhall School of Music and Drama, 62 Drama, 62.

Sir Gordon Jewkes, diplomat, 59; Admiral of the Fleet Sir Henry Leach, 67; Lord Mackenzie-Stuart, 66; the Earl of Malmesbury, 83; Mr Alan Pryce-Jones, book critic, 82; Professor J.R. Quayle, vice-chancellor, Bath University, 64; the Duke of Roxburghe, 36; Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, 63; Sir Alexander Timmer, New Sir Gordon Jewkes, diplomat. Sir Alexander Turner, New Zealand judge, 89; Lord Justice Watkins, VC, 72.

Westminster School

A Latin service to commemorate the Founders and Benefactors of Westminster School was held yesterday evening in Westminster Abbey. The lesson was read by the Dean of Westminster and the address was given by the Head Master. During the singing of the Te
Deum roses were laid on the
tomb of Queen Blizabeth I.
Receptions were held afterwards
up School and up House.

Ball

Angle-German Association
Air Commodore L.G.P. Martin, Chairman of the Anglo-German Association, accompanied by Mrs Martin, presided at a "Unification Bail" held last night at the Cafe Royal, Sir Frank Roberts was the guest of boosts and speaker and the last night at the Cafe Royal, Sir Frank Roberts was the guest of boosts and speaker and the last night are larger than the last night at the Cafe Royal, Sir Frank Roberts was the guest of boosts and speaker and the last night are larger than level accordance. of honour and speaker and the German Ambassador also to Mr Chris Patten, the environ-

Officers' Dinner at the Cavalry and Guards Chib, 127 Piccadilly, London Wi.

Captain Davydd Wynne was North Yorkshire (Sir Marcus Worsley, Bt). Mrs Julian Tomkins was in

Mr A.R. Josling and Miss K.M. Lahiri

The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of Mr and Mrs R.W. Josling, of Newbury, Berkshire, and Kim Marie, daughter of Mr and Mrs H.S. Lahiri, of Walton-on-

Mr W.A. Paul and Ms C.J. Berry A service of blessing will take place on Saturday, December 15, 1990, at St Paul's Church, Winchmore Hill, London, N21, after the marriage of Mr Wyatt Paul, of 38 The Mail, London N14, and Ms Tina Berry, of Totton, Southampton.

Mr D.H.W. Poulson and Miss C.M. Hill

The engagement is announced between Daniel, son of Mr Gareth Poulson, of Plymouth, and Mrs Catherine Poulson, of Cambridge, and Clarissa, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Nigel Hill, of Ealing, London.

Mr J.W. Rooney and Miss G.C. Manaton

The engagement is amounced between John, son of Mr and Mrs W. Rooney, of Jarrow, Merseyside, and Sophie Tyne and Wear, and Gillian Alexandra, younger daughter of Clare, only daughter of Mr and Mr and Mrs Humphrey Lewis, of Nottingham.

Tyne and Wear, and Gillian Alexandra, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John W. Manaton, of Sevenoaks, Kent.

Memorial

TODAY: Admiral Sir Jeremy services Sir Leonard Hutton The Duchess of Kent attended a service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Leonard Hutton held yesterday in York Minster. The Dean of York officiated, assisted by the Ven Leslie Mr John Hutton, son, read

the lesson and the Bishop of Liverpool, Mr Gerald Howat and Mr Michael Crawford paid tribute. The Archbishop of York said a prayer and pronounced the blessing Canon Raymond Hockley, Precentor, Canon Ralph Mayland, Canon Ronald Sir Patrick Hamilton, com-Metcalfe and Canon John Toy were robed and in the Sanc-tuary. The Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire was present.

Mr Barren Helroyd

A memorial service for Mr A memorial service for Mr
Barron Holroyd was held
yesterday at the Church of
St Magnus-the-Martyr, Lower
Thames Street. The Rev Michael Woodgate, Chaplain to the
Plumbers' Company, officiated
and read from the works of Canon Henry Scott Holland. Mr W.A. Watts, Chief Executive and Secretary of the Institute of Plumbing, read the lesson and Mr R. Dick-Larkham gave an

Marriages

Mr J.D.H. Naylor and Miss H.V. Maxwell The marriage took place yesterday at Holy Trimity, Brompton, of Mr James Naylor, eldest son of Mr and Mrs David Naylor, of Oakridge Lynch, Gloucestershire, to Miss Harriet Maxwell, elder daughter of Lord and Lady Farnham, of London. The Rev J. A. K. Millar officiated.

The bridge who were sixty

officiated.
The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by the Hon William Trenchard, Simon Corby, Emma Duffin, Emily Evans, Shauna Darling and Miss Louise Naylor. The Hon Patrick Knolly was best year. Knollys was best man.
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and Miss K. Rewbothem
The marriage took place on
Saturday, November 10, at St
Mary's, Easton, Winchester, of
Mr Robert Stent, elder son of Mr and Mrs Mark Stent, to Miss Katie Rowbotham, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Dick Rowbotham. The Ven Alee Knight officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and was attended by five bridesmaids and two pages. Mr Adrian Dixon was best man.

The reception was held at Park Farm, Avington, and the honeymoon is being spent abroad. Mr and Mrs Mark Stent, to Miss

ment secretary.

Appointments The Earl of Crawford and

manufacture as a second

OBITUARIES

Alexis Minotis, Greek tragic actor and director, died in Athens on November 11. He was 90. He was born in Hania, Crete, on August 8, 1900.

ALEXIS Minotis was Greece's foremost tragic actor, and one of the pioneers of the modern revival of ancient Greek drama. Until just over a year ago he kept vast andiences in the 4th century BC theatre at Epidaurus spellbound with his memorable portrayals of Sophocles's Oedipus, moving with remarkable case between the roles in Oedipus Rex and Oedipus at Colonus, though the latter remained his favour-

He was also Greece's leading Shakespearian actor. In-deed reading Shakespeare in Greek translation in his early days was as responsible for his dedication to the theatre as his love for the Greek poets of antiquity. He felt equally at home as Creon in Sophocles's Antigone or as King Lear or Julius Caesar. But this was due as much to hard work as to talent. While preparing for Richard III he would go for long walks along lonely country lanes, coaching his body to move about with the limp of the crippled king and reciting Born Alexandros Minotakis

in Khania, Crete, on August 8, 1900, he gained his first stage experience in the chorus for Oedipus Rex when a visiting company under Aimilios Veakis put it on locally. Later he was taken on by Marika Kotopouli, the leading Greek comedienne of her time. In her company he met the actress Katina Paxinon who became his wife in 1940. In 1931 he, Paxinou and Veakis formed their own company which was subsequently absorbed by the newly-founded Greek National Theatre (GNT). During one of the 1939 Minotis gave a notable

Ogiar, widow of the last heir to the throne of Persia's Qajar dynasty, died on November 10 aged 90. She was born on September 15, 1900.

AN ERA of Persian history

has ended with the death in

Paris of Princess Mahine

Banou Qajar. For almost half

a century, Princess Mahine

was the last of the Qajars who

ruled Persia before the Pahlavi

family. As wife of Crown

Prince Mohammad Hassan

Mirza Qajar she was to have

been Empress of Persia if her

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Mohammad Reza Shah Pah-

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in Tehran at Golestan Palace,

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TOWER OF LONDON, ECS: 9.15 NC: 11.40 NC: 11.80 NC: 11.80

Mongol emperor.

148 July .

GNT's continental tours in ancient theatre at Delphi with himself in the title role and performance as Hamlet at His Paxinou as Jocasta. The Majesty's Theatre, London. production was so successful When the Germans invaded that it went to New York, and Minotis's favourite, Oedi-GNT's winter season, casting Greece in 1941 he fied to the Paris and Venice in 1952, and pus at Colonus. He was a close himself as Shylock.

United States where his wife

ALEXIS MINOTIS

Bound, Euripides's Bacchae

PRINCESS MAHINE BAJOU QAJAR

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with Western help by Reza Mahine was educated in Brus-Khan Pahlavi, who com- sels, returning to Persia in the manded the Persian army. early 1920s to marry the

Reza Shah was the father of Crown Prince in 1922. After

Rulers of an ancient Persian penultimate Qajar ruler, authorities to restoring Qajar Qajar Wambold.

Church services tomorrow Anniversaries

The festival of ancient

again to Paris in 1958, this time to the Théâtre des Nations where he also directed Enripides's Medea.

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Princess Mahine was born picion of sympathising with relations who had left Iran.
Tehran at Golestan Palace, Nazi Germany, Reza Shah Princess Mahine was proud of

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Odurrii).
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Church in Wales

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performance in Bellini's Norma at Epidaurus, and the following year directed her again in Medee. He was a friend of Aristotle is and became his confidant during his tempestuous love affair with Callas. He tried to interest Onassis in the

friend of Maria Callas and in

1958 he directed her performances of Cherubini's Médée

at Covent Garden; at La Scala,

Milan; and at the Civic Opera,

Dallas, Texas. In 1960 he directed Callas's memorable

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theatre and once, in 1962, even induced him to finance the restoration of the ancient Theatre of Dionysus under the Athens Acropolis, with the disarming argument: "As-sume that one of your 117 tankers sinks and donate its value for this project. After all what is seven million dollars to achieve immortality?" A change of government caused the plan to fall through.

He became the GNT's artistic director in 1964, but was ousted three years later by the military dictatorship. With Paxinou he toured the countryside with a repertory company that put on plays by Eugene O'Neill, Strindberg, Ibsen, Lorca and Brecht Paxinou's death in 1973 broke his heart. He closed the theatre and went into seclusion. However, with the downfall of the military junta in 1974, he was induced to return as director-general of the GNT. He was chairman of the GNT's board in 1981 when the country's new socialist regime dismissed him. It recanted four years later and asked him to return. However in 1986 he established his own experimental theatre, continuing to act and regaling full houses with his talent.

He wrote several treatises the interpretation of ancient directed Oedipus Rex in the after year, to demonstrate tragedy. Although his health was poor in recent months, at more than 2,300 years earlier the time of his death he was - in Aeschylus's Prometheus preparing to produce The preparing to produce The Merchant of Venice, for the

mained on the throne.

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BIRTHS: Sir David Wilkie, painter, Cults, Fife, 1785; Carl von Weber, composer, Entin, Germany, 1786; Louis Jacques Daguerre, painter and pioneer of photography, Cormeilles, France, 1789; Sir William Schwenck Gilbert, collaborator with Sir Arthur Sallivan in the Savoy operas, London, 1836; Percy Wyndham Lewis, artist and writer, at sea, off Amherst, Nova Scotia, 1882.

DEATHS: Reginald Pole, archbishop of Camerbury 1556-58, London, 1558; Charles Heath,

engraver, London, 1848; Cap-tain George Manby, inventor of life-saving apparatus at sea, Yarmouth, 1854; Marcel Proust, novelist, Paris, 1922; Man Ray,

St Edmund's

College, Ware

To honour St Edmund of Abingdon, on the 750th anniversary of his death, the college's patron and president, Cardinal Basil Hume, OSB, concelebrated Pontifical High Mass in Westminster Cathedral yesterday, assisted by the Right Rev Parick Casey, the Right Rev James O'Brien, the Right Rev Francis Rossiter, OSB, and eighty priests.

Among the congregation were the governors, common room and pupils of the college, representatives of Hertfordshire County Council, the town of Ware, the Old Edmundian Association, other institutions dedicated to St Edmund, and parents and friends.

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BIRTHS: Jean le Rond d'Alembert, the mathematician, Paris, 1717; Louis XVIII, king of France 1795-1824, Versailles, 1755; Bernard Law Montgom-

JILL DAY

A SMALL, glamorous blonde who wore expensive sequin and tulle dresses specially made for her, Jill Day was a singing star when simple ballads about true love were the acceptable mainstream fare in popular music. By the highest standards she was a somewhat bland performer but at her peak she had a large following, among women as well as men.

She was born Yvonne Page in Brighton where her father was a bookmaker. She left school to become a band singer at the age of 14 and after further schooling progressed through night clubs, Geraldo's orchestra, radio and records. But her fame was due more

than anything to television and by the mid 1950s, helped by a regular spot on the quiz show Puzzle Corner, she was one of the best-known faces on the small screen. She also branched out into films, although a leading part in a Kathleen Harrison comedy, All For Mary, failed to lead to other things.
In 1956 the BBC, to whom

she was under contract, won an injunction to prevent her appearing on the rival ITV network. This temporarily BBC but in the following year she was given her own series, for which she wrote the scripts and appeared for the first time as a dancer. In 1963 she made the

headlines when she emptied a a saxophonist and musical tureen of peas over a waiter at director, Douglas Robinson. the Pigalle theatre restaurant They had two sons, one of in London. She complained whom died of leukaemia.

Jill Day, a popular singer of that he was clattering plates and cutlery during her art. The waiter sued her for assault, but the summous was later withdrawn. The previous year at the Pigalle she had punched the pose of a woman diner who she claimed was ruining

her act. A combination of family commitments and changing tastes in popular music led her gradually into retirement, although she continued to make



occasional television cabaret appearances. She owned racehorses and her soured her relations with the business ventures included a gym and a theatrical agency. in later years she ran a company designing and producing hand-knitted baby clothes.

She was married in 1957 to

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THEODORE RUOFF

Theodore Burton Fox Ruoff, years of rapid development. CB, CBE, former chief land The advent of computers exregistrar, died on November 6 cited his lively mind. Al-

THEODORE Ruoff was a nological advances and a was a founder member of the writer of considerable ability. He combined administrative skills with an expert knowledge of his area of the law and an ability to clarify and communicate complex issues in simple language.

He first demonstrated his qualities in the years immediately after the war. Registration of title, with the aim of simplifying and reducing the cost of conveyancing, had been introduced 70 years earlier but there had been little progress and relatively few titles had been brought on to the register. A new impetus was needed. Ruoff's enthusiasm inspired a fresh drive to

the seat of the Qajar Shahs. Paniavi was iorced to sourced to source in favour of his son, and was in history.

Shoa' Saltaneh Malekeride Consideration was She is survived by her only being given among British Child, Princess Guity Afrouz system, In 1963 Ruoff became chief special adviser on conveyancland registrar and held that ing to the Royal Commission office until 1975 during 12 on Legal Services.

aged 80. He was born on April though he was by now 12, 1910. approaching his 60s he at once approaching his 60s he at once grasped the potential for computerisation. This led to distinguished chief land reg- the Land Charges Department istrar, a highly practical lawyer pioneering the use of computwith a keen interest in tech- ers for name searching. He Society for Computers and the Law, and editor of its gazette. In 1951 he was awarded a Nuffield Fellowship Scholarship to Australia and New Zealand. He developed a lifelong passion for Australia and for 33 years contributed monthly articles in the The Australian Law Journal entitled "Links With London". His magnum opus, of which he was joint author with other chief land registrars, is the principal textbook on the subject of land registration. The Law and Practice of Registered Conveyancing has had five editions and he was co-operating on the sixth. He was a member of the Law Society's special committee on computer services and a

Dinners

The Prince of Wales, Colonelin-Chief of the 5th Royal dinner at Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, attended the annual dinner held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club. Major-General Green, Colonel of the regiment, presided. Durks in F. 70 sacrum Convey.

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Coopers' Company held last night at the Mansion House. Mr Brian Taylor, Master, presided. The Lord Mayor, Judge Verney, Recorder of London, and Mr L Joughin also spoke.

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Portobello Association
Vice-Admiral Sir Norman King
presided at the 60th reunion
dinner of officers of the
Portobello Association (Torpedo and Anti-Submarine Warfare Long Course) held last night
in HMS Dryad. Rear-Admiral
G.F. Liardet was the principal
guest and Admiral Sir David
Hallifax, patron of the association, Vice-Admiral Sir Philip
Wanson and Vice-Admiral Sir
David Brown were among those

David Brown were among those Royal Marines Association
Lieutenant-General Sir Steuart
Pringle, President of the City of
London branch of the Royal
Marines Association, was host
at a dinner held last night at the
Royal Marines Reserve HQ in
London. Lieutenant-General
H.Y. La R. Beverley, Commaindant General, Royal Marines, was the principal guest.
National Artiflery Association

National Artillery Association
General Sir Martin Farndale,
Master Gunner, St James's
Park, presided at the annual
dinner of the National Artillery
Association and the Royal Artillery Territorial Army held
last might at the RA Mess,
Woolwich.

Black Watch Association
Lieutenant-Colonel F.J.
Burnaby Atkins presided at the
amnal dinner of the London
branch of the Black Watch
Association held last night at the
Duke of York's Headquarters,
Chelses. Brigadier A.D.H. Irwin
was the principal guest and a
message was received from
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Mother, Colonel-in-Chief of the
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Jackson was the guest of honour
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The Officers of the Royal dinner at the Officers Mess 1st Battalion Royal Highland Fusiliers, Cambridge, last evening. Major-General R.L.S. Green, Colonel of the Regiment,

Coopers' Company
The Lord Mayor and Lady
Mayoress, accompanied by the
Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the annual dinner of the
Coopers' Company held last New Scotland Yard night at New Scotland Yard.

Royal College of Radiologists
Dr J.O.M.C. Craig, President of
the Royal College of Radiologists, presided at a new fellows
dinner held last night at the
Royal College of Physicians
after Professor Michael Baum
had delivered the Skinner
lecture. Guild of Air Pilots and Air

Navigators
Lord King of Warmaby, Chairman of British Airways plc, presented the awards at the presented the awards at the annual trophies and awards banquet of the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators held last night at Plaisterers' Hall. After the presentation of awards Lord King and the Master of Lord King and the Master of Lord King and the Master of the Guild, Captain Michael Bannister, spoke, The award winners were:



City and Guilds of Lendon City and Guilds of Lendon Institute
Mr H.M. Neal, Chairman of Council, and Honorary Officers of the City and Guilds of London Institute, were hoots at a funcheon given yesterday at Tallow Chandlers' Hall in honour of recipients of the Fellowship of the City and Guilds of London Institute Honoris Causa.

The recipients were Professor Sir Geofficy Allen, Sir Alistair Frame, Sir Frank Gibb, Sir Ernest Harrison, Sir Denys Henderson (in absentia), Sir David Plastow, Sir Bob Reid, Mr Brian Beazer, Mr Christopher Harding and Mr Stephen Walls, Among others present were:

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THE HESELTINE PLATFORM

This weekend the Tory leadership ring is beginning to fill with hats. But the contest to be fought out next Tuesday remains a straight one between the prime minister and Michael Heseltine. Does Mr Heseltine offer a real change of policy, or just of voice and face?
His claim to displace Margaret Thatcher as

Conservative leader is based not just on his electoral potency and his distaste for her style. It embraces policies, notably on the poll tax, industrial intervention and Europe which Mr Heseltine has made part of his platform. He maintains that his Conservatism is distinct from that of Mrs Thatcher. But this distinction is probably more real in a few particulars than in the generality of policy.

The poll tax is clearly intended as Mr Heseltine's trump card. His record on local government finance when at the environment department from 1979-83 was sound. He fought left-wing councils, but still sought to maintain the pluralism of British local government and resist the centralist dirigisme of Sir Geoffrey Howe's Treasury. Rate capping was forced on him only after the cabinet had rejected various schemes such as referendums to boost local accountability. Capping, like the poll tax, Mr Heseltine saw as an aberration. On this he was right and Mrs Thatcher wrong.

What has been odd these past few days has been Mr Heseltine's failure to attend to the logic of his opposition to the tax. The Labour party, forced to state its alternative, has admitted that a return to property valuation is the only sensible way of financing local government. Mr Heseltine is still floundering with "ability to pay" mechanisms and the centralisation of the education budget. Anybody can decry an unpopular tax, though no true believer in local accountability could seriously propose to shift yet more local spending to the Treasury. Mr Heseltine's instinct is shrewd - most Tory MPs hate the poll tax - but he has risked shooting himself in

On Europe, Mr Heseltine has cleverly interlaced style and substance in his challenge to Mrs Thatcher. He deplores her cantankerousness. He appears to be in favour of monetary, and thus eventually political, union with a single currency. Whether he would use this position, as the French and Germans use it, as merely a smokescreen behind which to

fight for national interest is unclear. Glorious indeed is the opacity of opposition. Sometimes he has seemed an outright federalist on the wilder shores of Eurocentrism, sometimes he asserts the caveat that he would

never "sell out British interests". The likelihood must be that Mr Heseltine, like Mrs Thatcher, would soon find himself enmeshed in conflicting interests, infuriated by ceaseless summits, and eventually driven to seek a redefinition of tiered sovereignty within the Community, an ambition now shared by both Mrs Thatcher and Jacques Delors. The Heseltine rhetoric might be more soothing to delicate continental ears, though the Heseltine temper might be as sorely tried as is the Thatcher one. But here, as everywhere in this contest, the difference is more likely to be of style than of substance.

On industrial policy, the contrast is starker. While an enthusiast for private enterprise, Mr Heseltine's record shows a strong belief in the role of government as an enabler and initiator of that enterprise. In urban regeneration and defence procurement, he showed the cabinet a determined way forward. If Whitehall and Westland curbed his enthusiasm, that was only partly his fault.

Mrs Thatcher's addictive laissez faire towards Britain's industrial rebirth - rooted in her free market purism - now seems archaic in the corporatist rough and tumble of Europe and Japan. The inadequacies of Britain's transport system and the desperately slow revival of the inner cities are indicative of this. Here Mr Heseltine certainly presents "a choice not an echo", though there is surely enough sympathy for his view even in the present cabinet for him to have proselvised more effectively inside it than outside.

For all these specific differences, Mr Heseltine's politics were forged like Mrs Thatcher's in the aftermath of Edward Heath's volte face of 1972. They are the politics of privatisation, tax cuts, a more efficient public sector and a strong foreign policy. All this Mr Heseltine shares with his opponent. Except on the poll tax and industrial policy, he would be unlikely to undo Thatcherism. His political manifesto would not differ radically from that on which he, and Mrs Thatcher, fought the 1987 election.

A Heseltine Downing Street would certainly be different from the Thatcher one. But that difference, as Mr Heseltine has implied in many recent interviews, would be more of style than of substance. That is not to dismiss his challenge. Style in the broadest sense lies at the base of successful democratic leadership. It is indeed on style as much as substance that the Tory party must next week make its choice. So too will The Times.

TIME RUNNING OUT IN MOSCOW

The Soviet empire is on the brink of collapse. Like the Ottoman, British and other crumbling empires before, the Soviet Union will probably remain on the brink for years, if not decades. Leaders may fall, ideologies may crumble and constitutions may fail, but countries do not in general suddenly "collapse". Even unstable empires tend not to detonate from the centre outwards but first start to crumble gradually at the edges. This seems the best description of what has been happening to the Soviet empire in the last year.

None the less the time is fast approaching when President Gorbachev must make tough, potentially dangerous, decisions in favour of political decentralisation and market economics if he wants to avert continued economic decline, even possible bloodshed. The time for prevarication is past. The old economic and administrative systems have stopped functioning. But whereas central planning and party diktat are no longer capable of putting goods in the shops or preserving order, they are powerful enough to thwart market processes and block democratic control.

Mr Gorbachev seemed at last to have woken up to these threats two months ago when he opted unambiguously for decentralisation under the "five hundred days plan". As soon as he backed away from this programme, however, the economic slide immediately gathered pace again, now threatening Moscow with its most critical food shortage in decades.

Two reasons for Mr Gorbachev's change of heart can be conjectured. The devolution of economic power was bitterly resisted by the enormous government apparatus and militaryindustrial technocracy represented by the unpopular prime minister, Nikolai Ryzhkov.

And the national republics and autonomous regions appeared to lack the administrative structures to take over the powers and responsibilities that were to be devolved to them from the centre.

In an immense country which has always been ruled by local barons, whether party or feudal, responsive only to diktat from Moscow, decentralisation can easily be identified with anarchy. Though real enough, this is a fear which the military and the unreconstructed communists have eagerly exploited. It is a danger which the republican leaders, above all Boris Yeltsin, the Russian president,

understand. As Mr Yeltsin and other republican leaders stare into the abyss of possible military intervention, many are concluding that their best hope is to co-operate with Mr Gorbachev on a new structure of government which would co-opt much of the present apparatus of the Soviet state. The difficulty will be to find a way of doing this without allowing the reconstructed state to go on stifling liberalism and individuality, particularly in the economic sphere. In this respect the dissolution of the empire may prove to be a blessing in disguise. The new confederal structure which is being forced on the Soviet Union will oblige the central authorities to accept economic decentralisation, and with it a much greater

role for market forces. Even to the soldiers and diebard communists the alternative of trying to hold the country together by brute force must look unfeasible and quixotic. The time for debate and consensus-building is over. Mr Gorbachev must take the plunge into full-scale constitutional and economic reform.

A REGRETTABLE ADVERTISEMENT

The full-page picture of a dead pony hanging from a hook, which illustrated an advertisement in some national newspapers during the week (including The Times on Thursday), was offensive to many readers. So is cruelty to animals. The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals placed the advertisement as part of a campaign opposing the live export of horses after 1992 because of the suffering it would cause them. Although the advertisement has now been withdrawn on the advice of the Advertising Standards Authority, the RSPCA is unrepentant, describing it as a justified use of shock tactics.

The picture depicted not a suffering pony but a dead one. The Times was assured that the animal used in a staged photograph had been legally and humanely killed but that it accurately represented the evil against which the campaign was directed. The RSPCA was seeking to draw attention to the suffering during transport of those that ended their lives satisfying the continental taste for horse meat.

The ASA, responsible for the reputation of the advertising industry, intervened the next day on the grounds that the photograph was needlessly offensive and not strictly relevant. The advertisement was duly withdrawn, which left The Guardian in the awkward position of having to publish a blank page. The Daily Telegraph and The Independent had, like The Times, published the advertisement before it

was withdrawn. The Times had published the complete advertisement on the understanding that the picture was indeed relevant, as a true portrayal

of what happened to these ponies. Such matters of taste are always finely balanced, but the paper felt that the balance should be biased in favour of free speech. The RSPCA is entitled to its point of view. An important function of a newspaper in a free society is to hire out its space, so that those who do not own or edit newspapers may still reach a wide public with their case. While The Times has complete editorial responsibility for the contents of the paper, it is reluctant to play censor over how others exercise, within the law, their right to freedom of speech. The freedom to give offence, provided it is used responsibly, is part of freedom of speech.

A graphic image of a dead animal, even a squashed cat at the roadside, can turn the stomach. Newspapers sometimes have to be cruel to their readers, bringing them news or pictures which might distress or outrage them. But that is because newspapers have a duty to reflect reality. The fact that the advertiser was a charity combating cruelty to animals was also a

material consideration. The Times now understands that the RSPCA advertisement bears no relationship to any reality. Dead ponies are not slung on hooks in this way in the course of or as a consequence of the international trade in live animals. The RSPCA described it as merely a "symbol" of its message. The incident portrayed in the staged photograph was in every sense a fake. By resorting to such a stratagem, the RSPCA has forfeited some of its authority for the sake of creating a shock. The Times regrets publishing the advertisement.

TERS TO THE EDITOR

Tory challenge

From Lord Blake and others Sir, We are academics who try to maintain objectivity together with political choice. We combine both in our appeal to Conservative MPs to bear in mind Margaret Thatcher's inherent greatness and continued capacity for service before they consider choosing a

Margaret Thatcher has changed the political culture of this country, a rare achievement at any time. Her qualities are recognised across the world: is she to be without honour in her own party? In spite of many unsolved economic and social problems, many reflecting long-term trends over which government has little or no sway, governments she has led have presided over a remarkable rise in economic opportunity.

hope of recapturing votes but it would swiftly dwindle as his proposed policies were under-stood or tried. As they cast their votes, Conservative MPs should lift their eyes

Her rival may offer a fleeting

from immediately personal calcu-lations to those broader percep-Yours etc., BĽAKÉ, JONATHAN CLARK, QUINTON, Oxford and Cambridge Club, Pall Mall, SW1.

November 16. From Mr Trevor Burton Sir, Sir Charles Tidbury writes (November 15) "Look where Britain has come in 11 years". Where has Britain come in 11 years compared to the rest of Europe?

Yours faithfully, TREVOR BURTON. 34 Stoatley Rise, Haslemere, Surrey. November 15.

From Sir Jeffrey Sterling Sir. Politicians accuse the City and industry of short-termism. Surely this leadership challenge is about the worst case of short-termism we have ever encountered.

I sincerely hope Conservative members of Parliament will prac-tice what they preach and back Margaret Thatcher and her ministers who are manifestly concerned with the long-term economic health of this country and its role in Europe and not short-term political expediency.

There is no doubt that the Chancellor's policies are working. The timing of the next cut in interest rates will be determined largely by the sterling exchange rate. That is the only opinion poll that matters.

Yours faithfully: JEFFREY STERLING (Chairman), The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, November 16.

From Mr David Green Sir, The ability to accept that one no longer commands cohesion

among one's followers is the ultimate quality of a great leader. Mrs Thatcher has achievements to ber name which are unrivalled certainly this century. She could crown them by demonstrating that she knows when enough is enough. Yours faithfully,

Rhyd yr Harding, Castle Morris, Nr Haverfordwest, Dyfed,

From Mr B. J. Mason Sir. I have been a member of the Conservative party for many years and if certain disgruntled elements within the party succeed in their negative and disloyal attempts to dislodge the most successful peace-time leader and prime min-

ister I will never vote Tory again. I deplore not only this media-inspired "leadership crisis" but also the prospect of Howe or Heseltine or Heath ever becoming prime minister.

Yours sincerely, B. J. MASON. 17 Palmes Close, Naburn, York. From Mr N. Morris-Cotterill

Sir, The Labour party should not crow at the divisions in the Tory party. Do they not realise that for the first time in many years there is a credible government in waiting, but that it waits not facing the Prime Minister but behind her? Yours faithfully, NIGEL MORRIS-COTTERILL,

65 Dunster Crescent, Hornchurch, Essex. November 14.

From Ms Christina Speight Sir, Michael Heseltine repeatedly and imagnivocally promised not to stand against the Prime Min-ister in any leadership contest. The statement by Sir Geoffrey Howe - hyped in the media as

"devastating" - appears to be more the whining of a spoilt child and certainly no ground for Mr Heseltine to break his word. Yours faithfully, CHRISTINA SPEIGHT,

From Mr Dennis Coward Sir, Michael Heseltine (on your front page today) is reported as saying that, if Mrs Thatcher were to emerge victorious and to lead the Tories into the next election, he would back her to the hilt. I suppose Brutus and Cassius were

saying the same sort of thing to Julius Caesar, during his last term

of office. Perhaps it sounds better

20 Ramillies Road, W4.

November 14.

in Latin. Yours faithfully DENNIS COWARD. Burnsall, North Yorkshire. November 15.

Responses to the Church view on ethics of 'just war'

Sir, The Archbishop of Canterbury would like to avoid war (report, November 16). Bur, putting on St Augustine's spec-tacks, he thinks that war may be justified, even just, the lesser of two evils. Would his judgment be exercised in the same way if the event were to threaten tons of thousands of civilian casualties in this country rather than in the distant Gulf?

Logically it must be. But the argument cannot be allowed to rest there. What we are con-templating is a Great Arab War, the equivalent of the European Great War. The Anglo-American element will be as peripheral, if critical, as that of the United States in the European conflicts of this century.

Why, in these circumstances, do we defer exclusively to the Chris-tian principle of a just war? Nothing demonstrates more vividly our unreconstructed cultural imperialism than the failure not only to refer to the Islamic doctrine on war but to have the grace and the sense to ask whether there is one and what it says.

PATRICK COLLINSON. Trinity College, Cambridge. November 16.

From the Reverend D. C. Johnston Sir, In advocating the pacifist view, the Reverend Gordon Wilson (November 10) misleads in his references to successive debates at Lambeth conferences this century on the subject of war. For instance, in 1948, resolutions 9

From Professor P. Collinson, FBA and 10 of that year's Lambeth

Conference read: The Conference re-affirms Resolu-tion 25 of 1930 "That war as a method of settling international disputes is incompatible with the teaching and example of Our Lord Jesus Christ".

The Conference affirms that it is the

duty of governments to work for the general reduction and control of amaments of every kind and for their final elimination, except those which may be necessary for international police protection; but until such time as this is achieved, it recognises that there are occasions when both nations and individuals are obliged to resort to war as the lesser of two evils (my italics).

More recently, the General Syn-od's controversial report of 1982, having summarised the Lambeth pronouncements on war of 1930, 1948, 1968 and 1978, concluded that the last statement, quoted by your correspondent, that "the use of violence is ultimately contradictory to the Gospel"...

dictory to the Gospel"...

offers no practical guidance to a persons trying to decide whether a specific war is legitimate...

What is required is something more specific, something which takes all the relevant information into account... This can be achieved only when Christians relate the Church's general teaching on war and peace to the circumstances of the present and have the faith to come to specific conclusions, however provisional and even imperfect

This, I suggest, applies to the current Gulf crisis. Yours faithfully, D. C. JOHNSTON, Christ Church Vicarage, ! Breeze Hill,

Is Saudi Arabia not a member of

Saudi rigidity over other religions

Sir, I have lived and worked in Iraq and in Saudi Arabia and am prompted to write by your report (November 12) on the inability of British troops to hold religious services in Saudi Arabia; even on

This church has continued to hold regular services ever since the days of the British presence and for all that time has displayed the insignia of the British Army and of the Corps. In Baghdad they would also have been able to have a beer, a bacon sandwich and go to the cinema; the women would even be able to drive, swim and to

at the We no God, no principles and no pride and can always be bought. This argument is difficult to refute if prayers for our war-dead can be

2 The Green, New Malden, Surrey. November 12.

From the Right Reverend Monsignor G. A. Tancred Sir, Your report in today's Times, headed "Religion under the veil", only serves to illustrate how far removed the Saudis are from any idea of religious tolerance, even to the point of the absurd. It would be comic if it were not for the fact that members of her Majesty's forces are there risking their lives, precisely to defend basic human

Poll tax and the vote From Mr Greville Janner, QC, MP for Leicester West (Labour)

Sir, It should surprise no one that the Home Office has issued a guideline, warning that people who refuse to register for poll tax may lose their right to vote

(report, November 8).
Ministers' efforts "to reassure electors that the right to vote does not depend on the payment of poll tax", always were a sham. The new poll tax was, is and will be the same as all other poll taxes - an attempt to remove from the voting roll citizens who are less well off, more disadvantaged and unlikely to vote for the Government. The Home Office circular has revealed - if any revelation was necessary — the indisputable truth about this disgraceful tax. Yours faithfully GREVILLE JANNER

House of Commons. November 10.

Hong Kong

Sir, The conclusions drawn in your leader of November 13 are unjustified. Far from casting "serious doubt on the operation of due process in Hong Kong", the unhappy saga of the Vietnamese boat people reaffirms that process and the integrity of the legal system in Hong Kong.

The facts are these the 111 Vietnamese entered Hong Kong without travel documents. Their boat was judged unseaworthy: a trip northwards to Japan would have involved difficult open-sea conditions. No responsible government would have allowed

ever provisional and even imperfect they may seem to be (The Church and the Bomb, p.125).

Bootle, Merseyside.

From Mr Donal Gamble rights, one of which happens to be.

worth a Mass?

Yours sincerely.

November 12.

conflicts.

service?

GEORGE A. TANCRED, St Mary's, Cadogan Street, SW3.

From Mrs E. V. Nunan

Sir, Our forces stationed in the

Gulf are not permitted to hold

openly a Christian religious ser-

vice, even to remember and pray

for members of their own regi-

meats who have died in previous

If war does break out there,

many of these young men will be killed. Will their remains be

accorded a Christian burial? Will

we be permitted to have a war

cemetery with its customary stone

cross and will the relatives of these

there and commemorate their

supreme sacrifice in a Christian

Yours faithfully, ELISABETH V. NUNAN,

Llwyn-y-Go, Maesbrook,

Oswestry, Shropshire. November 13.

men ultimately be allowed to go

to practise one's religion. the United Nations? Should not pressure, therefore, be brought to bear on the Saudis concerning their flagrant disregard of human rights? Why are we so obsequious to the Saudis? Is a full tanker

Remembrance Sunday.

Had these men and women been in Baghdad they could have chosen from several churches of various Christian denominations: indeed, just across the street from the hostage hotel Melia in the Al Mansour district is the Anglican church of St George built by the Royal Artillery in memory of the thousands of gunners who died in

I have been told many times by

Yours faithfully, D. F. GAMBLE,

From the Reverend M. Barber Sir, Muslims are allowed to practise their faith in the open in the UK, surely the Sandis should be sympathetic to those of a different MICHAEL BARBER. All Saints' Vicarage, 3 Fulwell Road, Sunderland. Type and Wear. November 12.

Cross words From Miss Andrea

Conyers-Brown Sir, In her letter of November 3 Mrs K. M. Reed has listed her firm rules for spinning out the enjoy-ment of solving crossword puz-

However, in his book Spycatcher, Mr Peter Wright tells us the Security Service crossword king was Courtney Young who in the 1950s claimed to do The Times crossword in his head to make it more difficult.

When challenged he is said to have filled in all the correct answers without hesitation, for which feat he won free drinks in the local pub every night for a

Yours faithfully, A. M. CONYERS-BROWN, Konini Cottage, Old Road, Wateringbury,

Kong government against deten-

tion as asylum-seekers. Their legal

costs have been paid by Hong

Kong taxpayers through legal aid

sons seeking asylum and have housed, fed and cared for them.

Throughout this process, it has been within the gift of any country

anywhere in the world to offer

them resettlement. No country

Following the court's findings in

their favour on the question of

detention, our director of im-

migration was no longer able to

treat them as asylum seekers and was obliged instead to deal with

them as he does other aliens

entering Hong Kong without

Yours faithfully, JOHN YAXLEY, Commissioner,

Hong Kong Government Office,

We have treated them as per-

Kent.

has done so.

travel documents.

6 Grafton Street, W1.

As is their right, they have pursued in the Hong Kong courts Boat people's plight From the Commissioner for their argument with the Hong

them to proceed on such a potentially hazardous voyage.

They have declined to apply for asylum in Hong Kong as refusees. thereby precluding the Hong Kong government from seeking their resettiement elsewhere as refugees.

Social case for a iudicial college From Mr D. P. Herbert

Sir, The Lord Chancellor's rejection of the need to reform the system of judicial appointments (report, November 7, early editions) flies in the face of the urgent need to ensure that there is a competent judiciary which reflects the society it serves. At present there is only one black circuit judge and five black part-time judges out of a total of 684 appointees to the bench. The proportion of women judges is

equally lamentable. The continuing reliance on age as a criterion for appointment is another outdated justification for the failure of political will to carry out much-needed reform. "It is a simple fact", says Lord Mackay. "that, at present, there are not enough women or ethnic-minority candidates in the legal profession in the appropriate age groups [my italics] who are suitable for appointment. This at a time when many young judges in the various European jurisdictions are exercising their skill and ability

within their highest courts.

The Lord Chancellor's department can, it seems, advocate the desirability of more black magistrates, lawyers, court clerks, police officers and probation officers, yet they cannot accept the logical application of that principle when

it comes to the judiciary.

There is clear need for a rootand-branch overhaul of the present system of judicial appointments to provide for a career judiciary. This would allow for the selection of younger judges from a judicial college, with candidates from both branches of the profession and directly from universities and polytechnics.

Yours sincerely. D. P. HERBERT. 3 Paper Buildings, Temple, EC4. November 10.

BSB/Sky merger From the Chairman of the Cable Authority

Sir, I hope that your readers will not assume from Lady Anglesey's letter (November 15) that Sky Television has always been and still is somehow beyond regu-latory control and that there is no recourse for complainants about its services.

Since the coming into force of the Cable and Broadcasting Act 1984 Sky Television, as part of the cable programme services regulated by that act, has been subject to regulation by this authority and liable to the jurisdiction of the Broadcasting Complaints Com-mission. Sky Television has consistently acted in full recognition and acceptance of those obligations, which is perhaps why it may not have engendered many

complaints. The position has been consoli dated as a result of the provision in the Broadcasting Act 1990, which requires all satellite channels originating in this country, including the new British Sky Broadcasting, to be licensed by the Independent Television Com-

Yours faithfully, RICHARD BURTON, Chairman, Cable Amhority. Gillingham House, 38-44 Gillingham Street, SW1. November 15.

Recycling junk mail From Professor R. C. Selley

Sir. I do believe that I have found a constructive use for junk mail. This literature frequently includes licensed prepaid envelopes. Thus it is possible, at no cost to oneself, to recycle junk mail from one source to another. For example, recently I was able to invite a major clearing bank to take out a deed of covenant in favour of a well-known charity.

Such recycling provides revenue for the Post Office, thus keeping costs down, provides employment for many, and quiet pleasure to innk-mail recipients. Yours faithfully, R. SELLEY, Clare Hill. Deepdene Park Road, Dorking,

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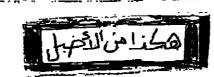
From Mr R. A. Crawford Sir, I am pleased to tell you that the tomato seeds about which I wrote last year (November 18, 1989), and which cost £15,900 a kilogram, produced plants which yielded a large crop of excellent tomatoes. Most were between four and five ounces (110 to 150g), many were up to six ounces (170g) and one was ten ounces (300g), all of excellent flavour.

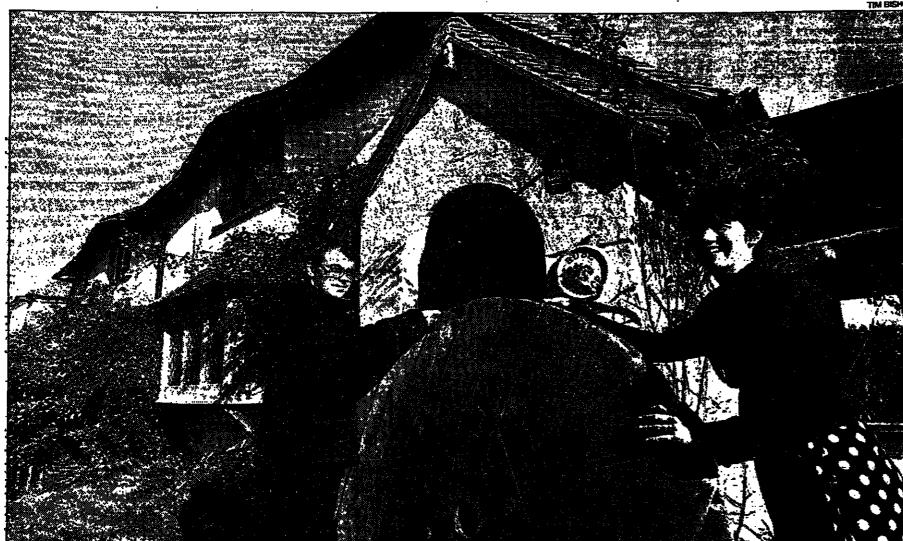
Some were in collections of vegetables that won two first prizes at the show of the Eastcote Horticultural Society.

I have recently received seeds of the same variety for next year. Thirty seeds costing £1.46 (up 8 per cent) weigh together 0.11g. That is nearly £13,300 a kilogram, about 16 per cent down on last

Yours faithfully. ROBERT A. CRAWFORD. 8 Acacia Avenue, Ruislip, Middlesex

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gway at Rose Cottage with their British Telecom dining table: "Anything can be done with enormous nails"

n 1982, Red or Dead was a small stall in Camden market small stall in Cannoen market run by Wayne Hemmingway, then a meteorology student, aged 20, in his final year at University College, London. Now it is a booming fashion company with a projected turnover this year of £7 million. The key to Red or Dead is contradiction. Which might be expected when your mother is from Morecambe, in Lancashire, and your father a Mohawk American Indian (a world heavyweight wrestling champion, who returned to his tribe when his son was aged three). ·· Now Mr Hemmingway and his wife, Gerardine, aged 28, also from Morecambe, are a leading force in London fashion, a provincial couple with capital cred. Their clothes and shoe collections, designed by Mrs Hemmingway, mix contrasting textiles and styles; chunky Doc Marten-type boots are made from see-through plastic and hover-soled shoes are decorated with bold tartans and delicate lace. Suits are created from pink and green patchwork and "classically" cut jackets are printed with pigs, cows and babies. The look is far out, the price well within reach. Their stores

Contradictions continue in the private lives of the owners. They have a Volvo, a dog, three

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Here come the Reds

Home from home: Wayne Hemmingway

children, a home in London and a newly acquired cottage on the West Sussex coast. "When we bought a home in the country we shocked a lot of people," Mr Hemmingway says. "Ask any 18-year-old what he thinks the people behind Red or Dead do on a Saturday night, and he will probably say, 'rave it up in a nightclub', not 'sit in front of a log fire in a

The couple chanced upon the cottage by accident. "One day we drove down this road, and it was like fairyland with all the thatched cottages going down to the har-

bour," Mr Hemmingway says. The cottage, inside and out, is going to look as though it is falling apart. "As this is a seaside area, we want it to look as though it has been on the beach and almost as if it has been under water," Mr Hemmingway says. The outer walls will have a "distressed" look, with the top layers of paint

EXERCISE INJURY?

peeling off; inside Mrs Hemming-way is going to experiment with different textures, multiple layers and contrasting colours. She plans to coat the walls with beeswax and then partially strip it off to reveal

Furniture will be either junk or

the surface below.

Hemmingway says.

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driftwood. The huge dining-room table is a British Telecom cable reel found on the National Trust wetlands surrounding the village. It was too heavy for Mr Hemmingway to move, so he called the NT from the car. "I said I'd give them some money if they unpadlocked the gate and helped me lift it on to the car roof. The man who came was amazed that we wanted to make something out of it." He would be as amazed by their plans to use severed telegraph poles as table bases and the sides of beds. "Anything can be done with enormous nails, you just bang it all together," Mr

Their London house in Wembley Park is just as unusual. It has rusted metal fittings, supplied by an old metal worker, and the walls are painted to look as though there is damp coming through "Vis-itors would arrive and say, 'Oh dear, look at that damp. Are you just in the middle of decorating?" Mrs Hemmingway says.
"When my mum first came," her

point. But young people love it."
The London house is very close to their warehouse, which meant that Mr Hemmingway was con-stantly tempted to work at week-ends. "In Sussex, I can't keep checking on everything," he says. "Now we go back refreshed." They have always loved the seaside. "In the northwest, resorts are big and brash," Mr Hemmingway says. "Here it is as though the place is always out of season."

husband adds, she couldn't see the

And the village is only one and a-half hours from London. "If you are into fashion, then the city is the only place to be," Mr Hemmingway says. "When we were young we had to get on a coach and travel to Manchester to find any fashion." Now they go out on the town, into the clubs and on to the dance floors at least once a week. "It is very important to keep a hold of the club scene, because designers need the influence of young people. The second we lose touch, we won't be Red or Dead any more." NICOLA MURPHY

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out on oysters

THE Roman historian Pliny said that the only good thing about Britain was its oysters, but only in the past 20 years have the tech-niques for breeding them been developed. As well as growing oysters in the shallow waters off Whitstable in Kent, John Bayes's company, Seasalter Shell Fish. sells more than 20 million seeds a year to fisheries in the United Kingdom and Ireland.

bonamia. Gigas was introduced Oregon 20 years ago. It is a hardier and more productive species than edulis, each animal releasing up to 50 million eggs, compared with edulis's one million. Of these, 10 per cent are likely to survive.

ditions of the indoor hatchery with a water temperature of 22-24C. slightly warmer than Britain's sea water. The female



stomach. Sperm released by the male during the breeding season perhaps triggered by water temperature — is ingested by the female and travels to the gonad. "By manipulating the conditions we can get them to perform at any time of the year," Mr Bayes says. In the wild, they would breed once a year, typically in June or July.

The gigas releases her fertilised eggs to hatch outside the shell. Soon afterwards they turn into larvae. When still smaller than a

The United Kingdom harvests

Shelling

The arrival of the parasite bonamia in the early Eighties hit the oyster business bard. Overfish-ing had reduced the breeding stock of Ostrea edulis, a European native, and further stock was imported from France and California, where the disease was rife. Christopher Kerrison, the managing director of Coichester Oyster Fishery, which five years ago was producing 140 tons of native oysters a year, is still unwilling to risk buying large amounts of edulis breeding stock. Most of the seed sold by Mr

Bayes is from Crassostrea gigas, the Pacific oyster, unaffected by

The males and females are introduced to the controlled condevelops her eggs in the gonad,

adjacent to and connected to the

pinhead, the larva changes into a spat, a miniature adult. When onetenth of an inch long, they are either sold to other fisheries, or transferred to one of Mr Bayes's "nurseries", sea ponds near Herne Bay, Kent, and in Cumbria. At slightly more than half an inch, the young oysters are introduced to the sea, in net bags, where the gigas are kept for two years before they are ready to eat. Edulis takes

ten million oysters a year. France, the world's largest single producer, produces more than a billion, mostly the Pacific variety.

A mature native, with its su-perior consistency and taste, fetches 80p wholesale, a gigus 20p. Although only 20 per cent of a typical cyster's weight of 30z is meat, oysters are in growing demand. Perhaps they are also being recognised for their healthenhancing properties. France, with the highest per capita consumption of both butter and oysters in Europe, also has the lowest incidence of heart disease." ALASTAIR GUILD Feather report

Swanning down to Slimbridge

A SWANFALL. It sounds like a subtily beautiful and sublimely peaceful sort of occasion, but when you get a fall of Bewick's

swans you get cacophony.

I had gone to the Wildfowl and Wetland Trust at Simbridge, Gloucestershire, in the hope of such a thing, entired by information that the Bewicks had been coming in unprecedentedly early. The summer drought has been affecting countries other than our own: there is a shortage of pond weed in the ditches of The Netherlands, and the Bewicks, instead of imacring there, have been moving on rapidly to their wintering grounds in Britain; that means, mainly, the Ouse Washes and Slimbridge.

And what swans they are. They are smaller than the familiar mute swan, with a straighter neck, and are glorious birds even if you did not know that they breed only in the tundra at the northern edge of Siberia. They would be delightful enough even if they just sat there and looked pretty. But when I arrived at Slimbridge after the swanfall, the place had gone mad.

Bewicks go in for a strict hierarchical system in their flocks. When the birds assemble for winter, the most urgent item in their minds is this hierarchy: a system that, once established, will last throughout the winter.

This is not a quiet business. It is bedlam, and to sit within a few feet of it all at Swan Lake, Slimbridge, is one of the great British birding

experiences.

The hierarchy works by families, so when the birds threaten and challenge each other, they do so mob-handed. A pair arrives at the wintering ground with the cygnets it has raised this year, birds not far short of adult size. The more cygnets they have, the more clout they carry. The most efficient breeders are, therefore, the most favoured.

The attack ritual goes through five phases. The first is simply a Paddington Bear hard stare. One family swims at another, glaring. At this point, the weaker family can back down, but it may prefer a

more aggressive option. The noise starts at stage two. Voice: varied soft or loud and far-carry, musical bugling calls,"
The Complete Book of British Birds says. At stage two, they are already employing loud ones. The families swim at each other, stretching their necks forward and back in unison: a noisy, but graceful way of inviting the opposGuidin

ing family to step outside.
The third stage is an escalation with half open wings and greater noise and excitement. If the stand-off continues, the entire family on continues, the full-moves into stage four, the full-wing flap. You can get a dozen birds, in a giant oval, facing each other, virtually standing creet on the water surface, flapping the wings and bugling fit to burst. It is glorious, deafening and splendin, the bugling reaching a crescendo when, if neither family has backed down, the boss male of one family goes for the male of the other (stage five). There is a brief pursuit, a shower of spray, and if he is quick enough, the pursuing male grabs the fleeing male from behind. It is a uniquely un-

dignified end for the loser. The winner will keep hold for a minute or so, and then it will all be over. Bloodlessly, but very noisily, the hierarchy has been established. Once this has all been worked out, the swans can winter in peace.

INDIVIDUAL Bewicks are recognisable by their bill patterns, the exact combination of that striking black and yellow. This is ex-tremely handy for researchers and, no doubt, for the birds themselves. The top swans at Slimbridge for some years have been a pair called France and Valois, and they look like repeating their triumph this year. They arrived early, and brought not only four cygnets but also a couple of yearlings from the previous year's brood.

Bewicks seem to be as obsessed with precedence as the most ardent inhabitants of the Fau-bourg St Germain. The principal difference is that Parisian society seems so drab and uninteresting after you have left cards with the Bewicks of Slimbridge.

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THIS WEEKEND

 Gardening demonstration: Experts from the Royal Horticultural Society give advice on plants for winter colour. on plants for witter colour.
West Midlands RHS Regional
Centre, Pershore College of
Horticulture, Pershore,
Worcestershire (0386 552443).
Today 10am-noon.

 Ghoetly coach trip: The tour encompasses a haunted manor, the most haunted village in Britain and a haunted pub. Tourist and a feature pub.
Tourist information Centre, 77
Promenade, Cheltenham,
Gloucestershire (0242-522878).
Tomorrow, £19.50 including meal. Orderrow, £19,50 including meal.

• Christins, hand weaving and spinning demonstrations and brass band.

Quarry Bank Mill, Styal,

Wilmslow, Cheshire (0625 527468).

Today, temorrow 1 fam-4pm,

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Craft in Action '90: Crafts for sale and demonstrations, fairground organ, carriage rides, walks in the deer park. Dunham Massey Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire. Today, tomorrow 10am-4.30pm, free. Winter birdwetch: Omithological extravaganza by the West Cumbria Groundwork Trust. Meet Hursthole Point car park, near Bassenthwaite Lake, Cumbria. Tomorrow 10am. Rayleigh craft fair: Eighty stalls and many demonstrations, including glass blowing, leather,

Today, tomorrow 10em-5pm, 80p. Afternoon walk: Exploration of the Strethall area, organised by the Saffron Walden and District Footpaths Association. Meet Saffron Walden Common car park, Essex. Tomorrow 2pm. NEXT WEEK

silk and satin work.

Mill Hall, Rayleigh, Essex

 Blickling tour: Behind-the-scenes tour of the 17th century house owned by the National Trust, followed by a garden walk. Blickling Hall, Blickling, near Aylesham, Norfolk (0263 733084).

Thus of the Marketon. Thurs 11am, £5 (bookable).

 National Tree Week: Launched on Wednesday with the Great British Tree Dash, in which Steve Cram makes plantings in Scotland, Wales and England, travelling by helicopter.

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Details from local authorities.

conservation groups, or the Tree Council, 35 Belgrave Square, London SW1 (071-235 8854).

Transcript Cartie by candiefight: The Norman shell-keep will be filuminated by more than 500 candies. Tours, with guides in Elizabethan costume, include the haunted room and the newly opened chapel. Period music, song and dance. Tamworth Castle, Staffordshire. Thurs, Fri, Sat 6.30-9pm, £2.50, child £1.50.

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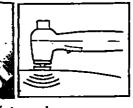
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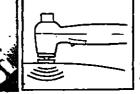
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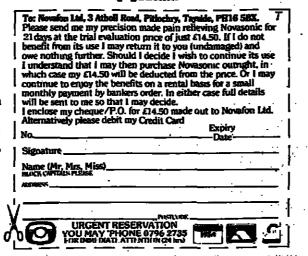
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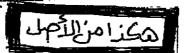
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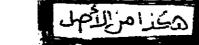
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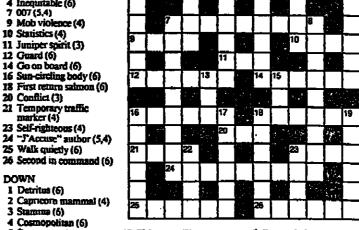
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THE NEW ORDER IN CHINA

FROM OUR OWN CORRES-PONDENT, PEKING - The follow-ing is the text of the Valedictory Decree of the Empress-Downger, published in the Official Gazette lest

night:-"I, of humble virtue, had the honour to receive appointment among the Consorts of His Sainted Majesty, my husband, Hsien-feng. The succession to the Throne of my son the Emperor Tung-chih in 1861 occurred at a time when rebellions were still raging. The Taiping and turbaned rebels, the Mohamedan rebels, and the Kwei-chau chorigines were in turn causing disturbances and spreading disorder. The coast provinces were in sore distress, and the people in serious difficulties,

misery everywhere meeting the eye.
"Co-operating with the Eastern Empress-Dowager, I carried on the Government, ever toiling by night and by day. Acting in accord with the policy enjoined by my sainted husband, I stimulated the metropolitan and provincial officials and the commanders-in-chief, directing their operations and striving earnestly to obtain peace. I employed the good in office, and harkened to admonition; I relieved the people's distress in flood and famine. By the bounty of Heaven I supressed the rebellions, and out of

danger restored peace.

"When his Majesty Kwany-Hsu succeeded to the Throne the crisis succeeded to the Throne the cruss was still more serious; the people was still more reduced by poverty. Within the Empire was calamity, within the Empire was calamity, but the cruss future, especially if another long Regency of the Empress-Dowager had been contemplated.

from abroad came recurring peril; and again it behoved me to reform the Government. In 1906 I issued a Decree preparing for the grant of a Constitution, and this year I have proclaimed the date when it will be granted. Happily, my strength was always robust and I maintained my vigour. Unexpectedly, since last summer I have been often indisposed. With affairs of State pressing I could find no repose. I lost my skeep and my manufacture and it my affairs became to

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appetite until my strength began to fail. Still, I never rested a single day. "On Saturday occurred the death of the Emperor. My grisf over-whelemed me. I could bear up no

development in the introduction of reform has been reached. His Majesty the new Emperor is of tender years and needs instructions. The Prince Regent and the Ministers are to sid him to strengthen our nation's foundations. His Majesty is to forget his personal grief, and to strive diligently that hereafter he may bring fresh lustre to the achievements of his ancestors. This is my excest

The predominant feeling that I note in Peking is one of relief that the crisis has passed so quietly. Nothing could be better than the arrangements made by the Chinese Government for maintaining order and preventing the spread of exciting rumours. Among the official Chinese the suggestion is accuted that in the case of either the Emperor or the Empress Dowager death was due to other than natural causes. Since her birthday the Empress had been ailing and the excitement of the last few days before the death of the Emperor brought about a collapse from which

The almost simultaneous death of the Empress-Dowager is a co-incidence only, but it makes the situation clearer. It has ensured the restoration of the rightful success, and it has removed the apprehension which the death of either one or the other would have created as to the

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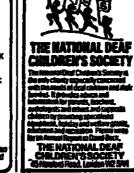
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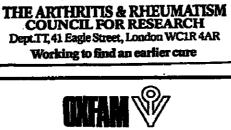
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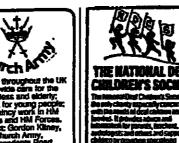
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blessid by her brother-in-law, a Scottlish minister, before she opened her ironing service last March. Fight months later clergy from the local churches can be seem walking down the quiet back street in Bristol's Clifton area where the new business is located, with beautifully ironed altar cloths carefully folded over their arms.

You do not, however, need a dog collar to enjoy the benefit of Mis Thomas's ironing — anyone can drop laundry at the shop in filma Vale Road at 8am for collection at 5pm — and a postal service is available. Shirts, skirts, Bermudas or blouses, dresse duvets, sheets and napkins are all dashed away with her smoothing

The service is not cheap, but if you are a busy executive or a hard pushed working mother the time saved is more than worth the cash outlay," Ms Thomas says. The idea for the shop came while Ms Thomas was working in the Middle East with a travel company. "There was an ironing service on every street corner and I would take mine in the morning and collect it on the way home

from work," she says.
"I thought, if this service can be provided in Dubai surely it would be a boon to busy people in the United Kingdom. However, for the first week I just sat there. Nobody came in. I wondered what on earth I had done." Ms Thomas applied her sales and marketing experience, and the work started to trickle in. "Once customers had tried the service, they kept coming back," she says:

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Ten hours' work a day, six days a week, takes its toll on equip- BS8 3HL (0272 239559)

ment. A regular domestic steam iron lasts Ms Thomas about three months. For detailed work she uses a variety of small, pointed irons. She also has a £3,000 "finishing table" for heavy fabrics and sheets. Wear and tear on the workers (Ms Thomas has one part-time helper) is another matter. "You can't sit down to iron," she says. "It slows you down and makes it difficult to get into the fiddly bits." But backache is apparently not a problem. "I wear leather-soled shoes, and change them four or five times a day." A hot bath at the end of the day sorts out the rest.

The Alma Vale Road shop provides a collection and delivery service in Bristol. A discreen Oxford blue van, with gold letter-



Smooth operator: Vicki Thomas

ing on the sides, has become a recognisable feature around town, and Victoria's Ironing Services also provides a nationwide postal

For an extra £1.50 plus postage and packing, tricky dress shirts or intricate evening gowns will be sent back to you by return, cushioned in tissue inside a stout

If you are in a real hurry, Ms Thomas will provide a cup of coffee and a chat while you wait. "I love to meet the customers, and this is the kind of job that can be done while having a conversation," she says.

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The revival of an rthur Young visited Spencer House, the London home of the Earls of Spencer, in 1772. "I know not a more beautiful piece of architecture," he wrote. "Nor is the fitting up and furniture of the rooms, inferior to the beauties of the outside... All, in richness, elegance, and taste, superior to any house I have seen." The rural and architectural essenties had age of elegance and architectural essayist had extended his work A Six Weeks

125-year lease of Spencer House

house, and now the scagliola

pillars and pilasters gleam, gilded

compartments, green and white and gold; gilt medallions are let

into it. The door-cases exceedingly

elegant, their cornices supported

by pillars, finely carved and gilt."

The antercom is back to biscuit, gold and white, the hangings are a

red and gold brocade shot with

turquoise. Santi di Tito's Knight

of Malta and Family, from Lord

Rothschild's collection, survey the

rejuvenated rosettes in the apse.

The dining room will be hung with

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Spencer House opens officially

on November 19, as a glorious

mix of museum, art gallery and

Henry Wrong, who retired as

general administrator of the Bar-

bican Centre last November, took

over the running of Spencer

House a week later. He said: "I

have moved from the ugliest

building in London to the most beautiful."

The house had been let go

somewhat over the years. The first

Earl Spencer married his sweet-

heart Georgiana Poyntz in secret

on the evening after his coming of age in 1755. They processed in

state from his home at Althorp, Northamptonshire, to London

and the following year acquired the site in St James's Place.

Within months the ground floor

was finished, and when the house

was completed it was as much a

paean to their connubial bliss as a

formal entertaining rooms.

An 18th century stately Tour of the Southern Counties of England and Wales to include Spencer House. Few of the great mansions which once lined the avenues from the Mall to Piccadilly survive. Fewer still enjoy anything like their former splendour. When

home in the centre of London has been restored by Lord Rothschild, But Spencer



House will be expected to pay its way, Eluned Price reports



Rags to riches: the Spencer House staircase, with elaborate metal drapery by John Vardy

celebration of the finest art, architecture and craftsmanship which the 18th century could afford. As the diamond buckles on Spencer's honeymoon shoes were worth then £30,000, we may assume that, whatever the couple's

problems, they would not have been typical first-time buyers. The house, designed by John Vardy and remodelled by James

"Athenian" Stuart, expresses the

contemporary preoccupation with classical antiquity. Columns of every order, Greek and Roman friezes, reliefs of Venus, Bacchus and Apollo abound. "The carving and gilding is unrivalled," Young wrote: swagged with laurels and festooned with flowers, no surface

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surmise. In an unlikely succession, the stalwarts of the Ladies' Army and Navy Club preceded the British Oxygen Company, who in turn ceded to the intelligence unit of The Economist.

Lord Rothschild and his company have taken five years and £18 million to restore Spencer House. The advisory panel was chaired by Colin Amery, the architectural historian, and in-

cluded John Harris, keeper of drawings at the Royal Institute of British Architects, Gervase Jackson-Stops of the National Trust, and John Martin Robinson, then with English Heritage. Joe Friedman was commissioned to research the history of the house,

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which runs to two volumes. While the rear wing of the house is given over to offices, all the principal, or "fine rooms" as Mr Wrong calls them, have been restored in the 18th century manner, and will be used to much the same purposes as the originals. The state rooms will host official hanquets, some royal functions— the fiftieth birthday party of Constantine, the former Greek king, was held here in September - and corporate entertain

Spencer House will be open to the public for six months of the year, two days a week. The aim is not to recoup the cost of restoration, but to finance the running costs of the house as a gallery, with pictures on loan from, among others, the Queen's Collection. and as a museum, with furniture from the Victoria & Albert

The most magnificent feature of the house is the carving. From the gift-brass handles and escutcheons, enscrolled with the Spencer 'S" in acanthus arabesques, to the marble chimney pieces which he will replicate when he has found sufficient fine marble, it is the work of Dick Reid, Britain's foremost master carver. He made the waterleaf door and window architraves, the overdoors with their console brackets on either side and the fluted dados.

The Palm Room is his pièce de resistance. Working from old photographs and Vardy's original designs, he has reproduced the pillars carved as palms in the blend of theatrical and oriental popular with the later Georgians. The barrel vaulted ceiling above the stairwell, the arches of the antercom, the ribbed and coffered

coves of the Great Room are studded with rosettes picked out in gold leaf. The Painted Room, trailing bine convolvulus over a green ground, was refurbished under the British Oxygen Company's tenancy. The

first neo-classical painted room in England, it celebrates love and marriage, with Venus, Hymen, Cupid and putti surrounded by birds and flowers. Unfortunately the exuberance of

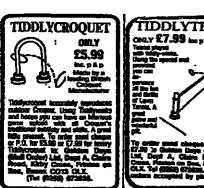
nature does not extend to the garden, which adjoins Green Park. In 1772 Young found nothing "more pleasing than the park front, which is ornamented to a high degree, and yet not with profusion". Only a few lone clumps of white nicotians, a stunted mahonia and some scrawny box edging the

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chunky brown casserole cries out for a robust stew, the jugs for real ale or milk warm from the cow. There are cider jars and tankards, bread crocks and herb pots, and even a bulbous chicken brick. This is not the stuff conve-

orick. This is not the stuff convenience foods are cooked in.
"People choose my pieces because they do not want dead things in their homes," says John Leach, professional potter and amateur philosopher. "A happy person made this pot, not some robot, and I hope that shines through." It does. His hand-thrown nots eless meantly with thrown pots glow warmly with their deep brown, wood-fired glaze and tactile mix of rough and smooth. He caresses them as he speaks: "I can make 40, 50, 100 mugs and they are never the

Thirty-two years at the wheel have not dampened Mr Leach's enthusiasm. "I feel extremely lucky in this day and age to be able to use a raw material as basic and humble as clay, which some people consider dirt, and make a living from it, without compromising my ideals."

These ideals involve giving back to the earth more than he takes from it. He uses wood in preference to oil or other fossil fuels in his kiln, and plants trees to replace what he burns. This spring he planted about 3,500 broadleaf trees on the nine acres of wetland pasture he hopes to recreate as woodland on the Somerset Levels. He patrols his excavated pond in a leather coracle to keep a proprietary eye on the flora and fauna he



Throwing pots of pleasure: John Leach instills some personal rustic "spirit" into a bowl at his Somerset home. Top left: two of his finished pots

is encouraging to propagate.
This respect for living creatures and the natural world is reflected in his work, which sells from £5 to £500 in his Muchelney Pottery at Langport, by mail order, and from leading kitchenware shops. Signed one-off pieces occasionally come up at Christie's and Sotheby's for much more, he says, in auctions of British pottery and ceramics, which may also include the work of his grandfather, Bernard Leach, and his father,

David Leach, who is still potting. Partly because of his heritage -his mother still keeps some of the pinch pots he made as a child - a love of pottery permeates his whole life. He feels linked in a mystical wheel of time and space with potters past and present around the world, and speaks of amazing coincidences which have occurred when seeking them in his travels. His home is crammed

with modern and primitive pots collected on his journeys. The potter's world is full of wheels within wheels, he says; a circle of international brother (and sister) hood. Last Tuesday he returned from a five-week tour of the United States and Jamaica, where he was encouraging clay com-panies to re-cycle materials and lecturing to potters' guilds and

In Ohio, he taught pottery to children of the Amish sect in a school without electricity. In Jamaica he teamed up with the West Indian potter Cecil Baugh, who came to Britain in 1950 to work with Mr Leach's father. And so the wheel comes full circle.

universities.

Early American pottery, Ni-gerian coil pots, the distinctive ceramics of his grandfather and father have all provided Mr Leach with insight and inspiration. "I look for a strength of spirit or personality within the pot," be says. "It isn't just a thing; I'm trying to convey a message. I am not just making something that gives me a living. I want people to understand the spirit that went into it; to feel the colour and the

quality."
He grabs a casserole lid to show how it was fired by the flames sweeping across it in a certain way. Another lid is subtly different, although it is part of the same range. The shapes are solid and companionable, the brown occasionally enlivened by another earthy tone or, in the sagger-fired pots (fired inside another clay container) which are his speciality, a surprising flash of brightness.

"They're not fine modern design," he says, although his admirers would argue otherwise. Kate Adie, the television news reporter, says of her Leach collection: "My cooking may not be a work of art

but at least I cook in a work of art." His chicken brick reminded her "of Barbara Hepworth's simple, rounded sculptures: objects I'd always liked, and wanted to handle rather than stare at".

Mr Leach adds: "They have a simple, nistic flavour because I've always lived in the country. The countryside is my influence, just as my grandfather was influenced by his travels in the East."

None of Mr Leach's five children is a potter, yet, but most are in related areas - at art college, conserving old buildings, sculpting and lettering in stone. One daughter is a nurse: "conserving people," he says.

VICTORIA MCKEE John Leach's pottery is available from Contemporary Ceramics, the Crafismen Potters Shop, 7 Marshall Street, London W1 (071-437 7005), and Muchelney Pottery, Langport, Somerset TA10 0DW (0458 250324). Farmer's Diary: Paul Heiney

In the muck, and out of the mire

I PLACED an advertisement in and malodorous lagoon of liquid the local paper this week, short on words but awash with contentions undercurrents. "Wanted: farmyard manure (not poultry) 50 tons." My advertising campaign had a desperation to it, for without a substantial input of what is known in the trade as FYM this organic farming enterprise of ours will grind to a halt. I had to find some muck somewhere, some-

how; my soil is crying out for it. Muck is not very fashionable at the moment. The big arable farmers no longer bother with muck heaps. A thriving and steaming dung pile used to be the hallmark of the diligent and caring man, but around here such stinking biots on the landscape now mark you down as an oldfashioned sort of chap. To a

farmer like me who believes in returning life and nutrition to the muck heap is a glory and a dream. Ambitious farmers like to boast of their trout lakes. grouse moors or their four-wheel drive cross-country vehicles. These maner little to me. "Show me your muck heap," I say. I want a true measure of the man's worth.

By my own exacung standards I do not rate very highly, but I am at an early stage in my farming career. A good muck heap, like a pot-belly, sits better on an older and wiser man.

Good muck takes time to produce, and loving care, It needs a lot of straw which has been well trodden and dunged by cattle or horses for an entire winter. In the spring it should be dug out of the yards, turned, and allowed to compost before being spread. I have not been farming that long, hence the advert.

I have to confess that I did not hold great hopes of getting what I wanted. Farmyard manure is quite rare these days, simply because there are few real farmyards. There are concrete pads on which sit humming grain silos and intimidating hunks of machinery, but they are not farmyards. You do not find chickens pecking at havstacks on such farms, only peacocks strutting around the lawn. Depressing places.

To produce what I consider to

be proper FYM, you must keep your stock in the traditional way, slats, beneath which lies a dank each to his own.

and solid waste. The resulting noxious cockiail is called slurry.

and I did not want any of that. Even if some cattle-yard muck were on offer, there could be problems for a truly organic grower. The farmer might well have wormed his cattle with substances that would kill the dung worms as well. These worms are the organic farmer's best friends, for they turn muck into compost. We want them alive and

Squirming Poultry manure presents a moral dilemma. Organic farming's regulating body, the Soil Association, has banned the use of it because the association believes that by relieving intensive poultry farmers of their muck we are helping to support enterprises of

> farmers should disapprove. I disagree. If I were an intensively reared turkey. I would face the Christmas oven with happy resignation if 2 thought my short and tedious life had at least added fertility to a few hungry acres. However, the association makes the rules and we must stick to them.

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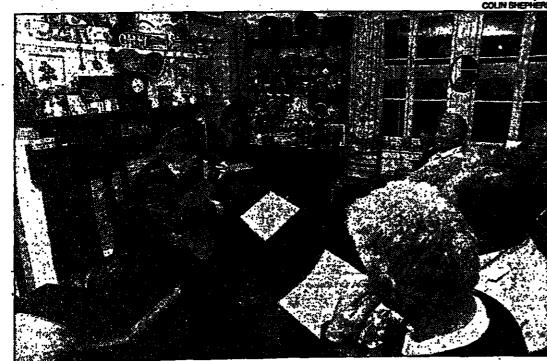
Having grappled with all the issues surrounding my innocent advertisement, I wasted anxiously for the replies. Sure en-ough, my phone was alive with calls

from desperate people. I refused enough slurry to refloat the Titanic. A woman rang and said she kept horses near Stansted airport in Essex and was worried at the growing height of her muck heap. I would have liked to have helped but 150 miles is a long way to cart muck, even to prevent a most unpleasant landing.

My quest ended with a tele-phone call from the neighbouring village, where lives an old horse breeder who has carelessly tipped stable muck for as long as anyone can remember. Now he wants to get rid of it, for free. It covers the best part of a couple of acres, is 5ft deep, and has rotted to the consistency of rich chocolate cake. It steams when forked like a freshly boiled Christmas pudding It is real farmyard manure: all I ever dreamt of.

I am about to start the long, hard slog of bringing the muck home. I am more thrilled with it than if it were 1,000 acres of but modern pigs are kept in grouse moor or even a few miles of bousing where the floor is made of fishing on the river Test. Ah well,

Tea and two arias, please



Bringing home the lute: Maureen Lehane Wishart (centre back) and guests at one of her kitchen concerts

DAME Joan Sutherland, the Australian soprano at home on every great opera stage of the world, has a new role — president of the Great Elm music festival. Next year the festival will be conducted as usual from a country kitchen in Somerset. For three summer weekends, as soon as breakfast is cleared, seating will be arranged for an audience of 60 or more. This year, during a performance of Schubert's The Trout, a

came in with a mouse to play hide and seek behind the fuel stove. Nobody turned a hair. The festival started at the twobedroom cottage of Maureen Lehane Wishart in the village of Great Elm, near Frome, four years ago. Now events extend to neighbouring country homes and

hiccup occurred when the cat

"But it is essential for us to stay. churches. small and keep the kitchen concert," says the founder. "After all, that is where everything started and where the real flavour lies."

Mrs Wishart, whose own career as a singer took her all over the world, established the festival as a tribute to her late husband, Peter Wishart, a composer and professor of music at Reading univer-

sity, who died in 1984. We had picuics here for the music department," Mrs Wishart says, standing in her garden on the banks of Mells Water. Students used to come down wearing boaters and biszers, with rosebuds

Dame Joan accepts an honour from a

country kitchen music festival

in their buttonholes. Peter loved it more than anyone. After he died, I didn't want him to be remembered sadly. He loved life and lived it to the full."

The festivals have been so successful, she says, that "some-times I lie awake worrying about what I have started. It is unstoppable. How we manage to do it I don't know, but we stay in the

This year's festival cost £11,500 and the income from 1,500 vis-itors was £9,000. For the second consecutive year. Mrs Wishart will receive a small grant next year of £300 from South West Arts and support from Somerset county council and Mendip district council. Friends of the Festival pay £20 a year for a family subscription, fl4 for a single one, and can attend special evenings, such as the Edwardian evening planned

for next month. Next year's festival will be held during three weekends, the last two in June and the first in July. "The festival is now entirely professional," Mrs Wishart says. "In the early days, artistes used to

come along for reduced fees and in our first year we were amazingly fortunate to get Jack Brymer, the

Mrs Wishart welcomes visitors her cosy kitchen events, mollifying any overflow with offers of half-price tickets for the stairs. Deft use of the weir sluice gates in the garden lower the level of the river so its sound will not drown the musicians.

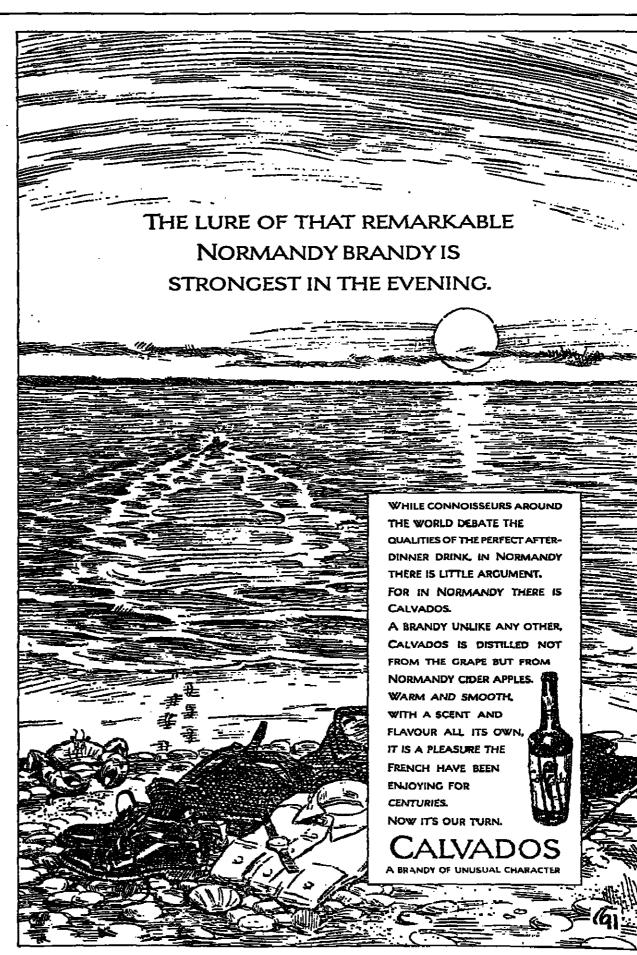
Andiences tell of arriving at the front door of Mrs Wishart's cottage to be greeted by a swan. Her favourite was lost to a maranding dog and now she bopes for a replacement pair.

Mrs Wishart has already

knocked through one wall of her kitchen to accommodate ber widening festival calendar. Children's workshops and spoken anthologies feature on the programme along with the music indoors and out.

"I'm thrilled that Dame Joan has agreed to become our patron after I wrote to her at her home in Switzerland," Mrs Wishart says. "My teachers were her teachers and many years ago I worked with her and did a Handel opera. You can imagine how wonderful it is to have her support - especially as, when I wrote to her, I forgot to call

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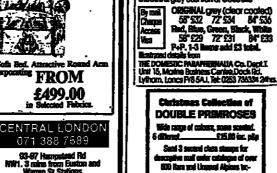
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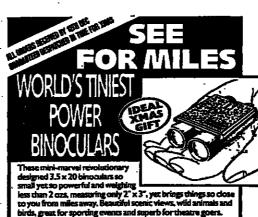
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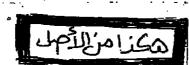
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Ringing in the nouveau

Jane MacQuitty selects the best of Thursday's beaujolais nouveau arrivals

he 1990 beaujolais nouvean vintage very nearly failed. Not in terms of quality, for 1990 is, for the most part, a good, ordinary beaujolais nouveau year. The wines have a sound crimson/purple colour, backed up by soft, easydrinking, gamay grape fruit. But too many of the wines lack the exuberant, vibrant acidity and style of a first-class beaujolais nouveau vintage.

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The hot, dry, summer was no doubt responsible. But at least rain at the end of August swelled the healthy grapes, increased the crop and allowed growers to pick early, from September 3, and to finish about September 25. An early harvest allows the growers more time to vinify and blend their wines. So, by rights, it should have been possible for the larger concerns, at least, to find wines with sufficient zip and zing to beef up the mostly bland 1990 beaujolais nouveau fruit. As my tasting reveals, not all have succeeded in their quest and, given modern wine weaponry and the growers' extended vinification time, there is no excuse for the unacceptable wines I tasted

Where the 1990 beaujolais nou-. veau vintage has clearly failed, however, in an increasingly competitive wine trade, is in winning British buyers' hearts and shelf space. This is the year that almost failed to make it across the Channel in the first place. Several important wine retailers such as The Victoria Wine Company and Majestic Wine Warehouses have, for the first time, decided not to sell their own nouveau. Others have only reluctantly joined the beaujolais bandwagon, at the eleventh hour.

This year's wine trade beaujolais blues stem from higher duty levels since the last nouveau vintage, plus a drop in the value of sterling against the franc and the inevitable, but for once not extortionate, increase in growers' prices. Faced with the unlovely prospect of being forced to sell what is, at best, a simple red November quaffer for well over £3

a bottle, who can blame at least two of Britain's beaujolais outlets for deciding not to bother?

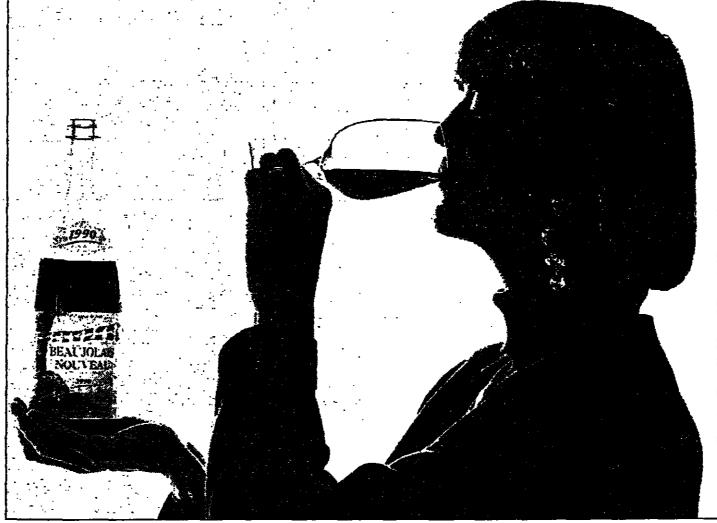
Beaujolais nouveau is no longer the thrilling, cash-up-front November wine boom it once was, although the beaujolais bubble has not burst, yet. Sales in Britain's wine bars, pubs and restaurants are, it seems, down in 1990, but the big retail suppliers, such as E Loron and Georges Duboeuf, continue to report healthy figures. Just like the new season's Scottish grouse, Welsh lamb, or English strawberries, the first arrival of beaujolais nouvean, for the moment, is an event here to stay.

The best of my 1990 beautolais nouveau buys are as follows (St Michael Beanjolais Nouveau, Tirage de Primeur, Cellier des Samsons, Marks & Spencer, £3.99, arrived too late to be included). As usual, all the widely available 1990 beaujolais nouveaux were tasted blind for this comprehensive Times survey. Due to the low acidity and soft fruit of most of the 1990 nouveaux, it is best to drink these wines between now and

WINNING WINE Maurice Chenn Beaujolais Nouveau; Safeway, £2.99. Safeway's stunning, fresh, zingy banana and raspberry packed beaujolais nouveau stood out like

a beacon at this tasting. Head and shoulders above the competition. To have this depth of nouveau flavour and finesse at this price level is extraordinary: "absolutely giving it away", as one competitor said when he heard the price. Anyone celebrating beaujolais nouveau's arrival with this will go to hed happy. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED Paul Boutinot Beaujolais

Nouveau; Peter Dominic, £3.49. Not in the same league as Safeway's offering, but a very palatable beaujolais nouveau all the same. What separated this wine from the pack was its deeper, carmine purple colour and full, invigorating, plummy, raspberry fruit. Its rich, velvety style is all too easy to drink, a vital nouveau



Handful of fruit: Jane MacQuitty savours Safeway's "stunning, fresh, zingy banana and raspberry packed" beanjolais nouveau, the winner

RECOMMENDED Unwins Beautolais Nouveau, E. Loron; Unwins, £3.59. Loron is one of the leading beaujolais merchants and every year it supplies Britain with numerous different nouveaux blends. Unwins' offering is successful this year because of its soft, pleasant, easy-drinking cherry and raspberry fruit. With a dash more acidity, this would have been another winner.

Waitrose Beaujolais Nouveau Tirage de Primeur, Maison du Vigneron; Waitrose, £3.25. Cellier des Samsons, which supplied this wine, is a well-known British beaujolais nouveau name that is now obviously back on top form. Enjoyable, herbaceousfruity scent. Not a great wine, but a very drinkable one. Tesco Beaujolais Nouveau, Arthur Barolet et Fils;

Tesco, £3.35. Blessed with a pretty, purple-pink colour, this wine boasted lots of soft, easy 1990 beaujolais nouveau fruit, but was a shade too beefy and earthy in style to be classic. Good with food. J. Moreau & Fils Beaujolais

Nouveau; Bottoms Up, £3.49.

A fresh, light, zesty, banana-like

style of nouveau. There is nothing wrong with its zesty-salty fruit flavours, but salt-lick nouveau, although widely admired by some, and useful when accompanying food, is, I think, an acquired taste. ACCEPTABLE Jean du Barre Beaujolais Nouveau; Thresher and Wine Rack, £3.69 (£6.98 for two).

nouveau, and one of the few wines

at this tasting to boast that bonbons acidules or fruit drop

Nonveau; Wizard Wine Warehouse, £3.99; Davisons and

Surprisingly, as I am usually a

great fan each year of M Duboeuf's

offering, this wine was not my

quality that the French relish.

Georges Duboeuf Beaujolais

Fullers, £4.49; Thresher and

Victoria Wine, £4.79.

Blended especially by Thresher's buyer from a wide range of sources, this bright, light, lemony wine has lots of rhubarb-like fruit on the palate. No doubt in an attempt to redress the vintage's failings, it suffers, as does the wine above, from an excess of acidity. Jacques Dépagneux Beaujolais Primeur, Vintage House, £3.60; D. Byrne & Co, 12 King Street, Clitheroe, Lancs, £3.69. This good, ordinary nouveau had

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plenty of soft, easy-drinking fruit reminiscent of damsons. But, once again, it offered no zip or style. Joseph Drouhin Beaujolais-Villages Nouveau, Tirage de Primeur, Vintage House, 42 Old Compton Street, London W1,

Fulham Road, London SW10. A superior beaujolais-villages, as opposed to straight nouveau wine. From Joseph Drouhin, one of the leading old school specialists who celebrates his 31st nouveau vintage this year. A pleasant, soft raspberry jam style wine, but once again it lacks vibrancy and zest.

£4.60; Lea & Sandeman, 301

Sainsbury, £3.35. Toppled from its pole position in The Times tasting last year, Sainsbury's bland but drinkable 1990 beaujolais nouveau slightly lacks style and fruit.

Sainsbury's Beaujolais

Nouveau, J. Burdin;

BORDERLINE Beaniolais Nouveau, Les Vignerons Reunis de la Cave de Bully, Waitrose, £3.29. Waitrose does not have much of this wine to sell, which is, perhaps, just as well. Its strong, juicy-fruity scent is impressive, but the palate

is too soft and dull. E Loron Beaujolais Nouveau; Blayney & Co, £3.49; Peatling's, £3.99; Fuller, Smith & Turner, £3.99.

Loron's enticing, pretty, purple pink colour does not follow through on the palate, which is too dank dull and fizzy for most beaujolais nouveau fans to enjoy this weekend. H. Duremont Beaujolais

Nouveau; Oddbins, £3.49. Oddbins' usually wondrous wine buyers have failed for the second year to get beaujolais nouveau right. This wine starts well with a soft raspberry scent, but on the palate is too dull to delight. Prepare, too, for an acidic finish. UNACCEPTABLE Asda Beaujolais Nouveau

Eugène Martin; Asda, £3.35. Murky purple colour, dank, leaf mould-like scent and palate. Pasquier-Desvignes Beaujolais Nouveau: Augustus Barnett, £3.49.

Stalky, herbaceous, tannic, and not at all pleasant. Perhaps I should know better; Pasquier-Desvignes was in the same position last year.

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Events in town

THIS WEEKEND

 Charity reception and auction: Signed photographs of famous people taken when they were children, Guest of honour, Barbara Cartland. In aid of the Sharon Allen Leukaemia Trust. Christie's, 8 King Street, London SW1. Tues, 6.30-9pm, £15 (071-589 1629 or 071-589 2112).

 Dillons algnathon: Book-signing session with many famous personalities, including Stephen Fry, Victoria Wood, Fatina hitbread. Entertainments include fortune-telling, face painting, bands and singers. Proceeds to Save the Children Fund, Help a London Child, Friends of the Earth and Crisis. Dillons, Gower Street, London

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 National astronomy week Range of events taking place throughout the country, including the Planetarium, Greenwich, and Mills Observatory, Dundee. Mon to Fri. Planetarium (081-858 1167). Mills Observatory (0382

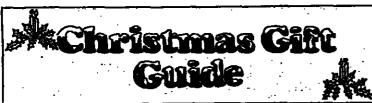
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Alexandra Palace, Wood Green, London N22, Tues 10am-7pm, Wed 10am-8pm, free. Concert for St Cecilla's Day: The patron saint of music will be lauded by the Ripon Cathedral

choir and orchestra. Ripon Cathedral, Ripon, North Yorkshire, Thurs 7.30pm, £3, child £2 at the door. Crafts for Christmas; Craftsmen and women, some

demonstrations. All items hand The Town Hall, Wadebridge, Cornwall. Fri 10am-8pm, Sat 9.30am-5.30pm, free.

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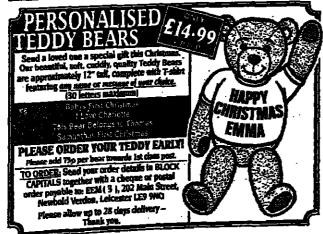


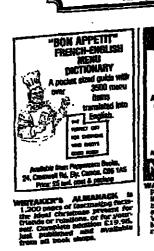


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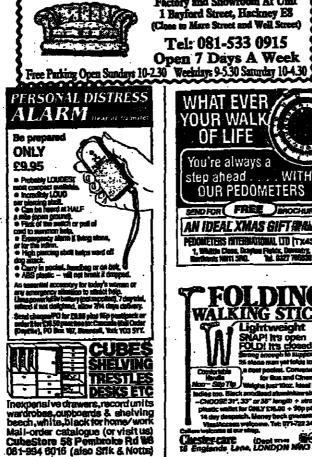


















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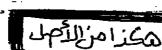
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A court case in Hawaii has focused attention on thousands of victims of a racket in fake Dali prints, Sarah Jane Checkland reports

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efore his death in January 1989, Salvador Dali was said to be relishing the mushrooming of fakes of his works, "I detect some satisfaction," said his secretary Robert Decharnes. "He sees it as a confirmation of his fame. Despite being bedridden and connected to a drip, the colossus of surrealism still had the last word.

Now, after a four-year investigation into a racket involving fake prints which netted an estimated \$100 million (£50 million), and a five-month trial in Hawaii, some progress has been made towards cleaning up the mess. The credibility of much of Dah's occurre is still in doubt, however.

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On November 5, Harold R. Fong, a district judge in Hawaii, sentenced an attorney, William Mett, his co-defendant Marvin Wiseman and the Center Art Gallery for their roles in a "massive mail and wire fraud" involving the publication, distribution and sale

of fake limited-edition lithographs attributed to Dali. not from love The "inexpensive, calendar quality photomechanical reproductions", as the judge put it, had been selling for investment to between \$1,000 and \$20,000.

Fines totalling \$1.3 million were imposed, but the court allocated only \$368,000 to the victims of the fraud, and thou-sands of disappointed customers in the United

States will probably never receive compensation. Thousands more fakes are believed to be circulating in Europe, where there have been no such prosecutions. Those convicted are still in business in Hawaii, pending an appeal against their convictions, and are even, according to the justice depart-ment, offering suspect Chagalls in exchange for fake Dalis brought in by their victims.

If Dali were still alive, he might be less than amused to discover that, because of inevitable fears in the market and the lack of a full catalogue raisonné for works after 1949, most prints from that date onwards, whether genuine or not, have been rendered worthless. Many auction houses and dealers

refuse to sell them. The investigation in Hawaii was launched thanks to the initiative of Lee Caterall, a journalist on the Hono-lulu Star Bulletin. Alerted in 1985 by his brother, an art professor in the US, to a suspicious advertisement for Chagall prints in a magazine in New York, he visited one of five branches of the Center Art Gallery in Honolulu, posing as a buyer. Then he wrote about his experience of the gallery's hard

"The salesperson said Chagall had personally supervised the creation of the print," he says. "When I questioned Wiseman later, he said the salesperson was wrong; supervision did not take place, but, nevertheless, it was a genuine print"

Mr Caterall's article brought forth a barrage of complaints from the public, including one from a sailor at Pearl Harbor who had paid an exorbitant amount for a "dud" Dali. Soon Mr Caterall found himself writ-

ing more about Dali fakes than about Chagall. According to Mr Caterall, some customers spent \$20,000 to \$30,000 on prints such as The Discovery of America by Christopher Columbus, advertised as "the finest piece he [Dali] has ever produced". It was a copy after a well-known Dali paint-ing in the Salvador Dali Museum in

Florida.
The Center Art Gallery sued for libel; Mr Caterall countered with more articles. The gallery then withdrew its complaint in 1986, but by this time the city prosecution office had started its own investigation. Early in 1987 the investigation became nation-

Prints and records were seized from five outlets in April 1987, but records had to be returned in early 1988 by order of a judge. indictment finally took place in January 1989, two days after Dah died, and the trial began a year ago, concluding last May, with sentencing this month.

One reason for the length of the hearings was the amount of evidence from victims, who were,



The joker and the deceivers: Salvador Dali (seated, left), the attorney William Mett (standing, centre) and Marvin Wiseman (standing, right)



Surreal thing: a fake lithograph of Dali's The Battle of Tetonan

according to Mr Caterall, ordinary people conned into buying not out of love for art but as investment to support their children's education or to bolster their retirement".

There were lengthy discussions over whether the failing Dali had been capable of signing some of the paper used; the conclusion being that he was not.

A glimmer of light relief was supplied by the witness Monsignor Eugene Clark, the American representative of the Vatican Museum. Center Art had claimed that some images were lovingly printed on "sheepskin from the Vatican flock". Mgr Clark testified that

there was no such flock.
One complication was the fact that Dali had, indeed, signed a few

blank sheets, but, according to Reynolds Morse, of the Dali Museum in Florida, he did it only as a joke. Dali apparently also had some form of contract with the Center Art Gallery at the end of

The joke has rebounded, Mr Morse says, by the number of sheets being exaggerated to tens of thousands in the world's press. Why should Dali waste his time signing so many blank sheets for meagre profit, when, according to Mr Morse, he could produce a \$100,000 drawing or water colour within half an hour?

Virgilia Pancoast, of the International Foundation for Art Research, gave evidence on "the enormous extent of this problem", telling of "the many hundreds of victims who were misled and misinformed about the originality and value of the works they were

There was much pacing around as lawyers tried to define the terms used in the case. Lawrence I. Fox, for the defence, launched into a

complex argument based on socalled "degrees of authenticity", while Leslie Osborne, for the prosecution, claimed the case was a simple matter of deceiving the public about the extent of Dali's nvolvement.

Now, because Center Art's business records had to be returned, nobody knows what funds are available to compensate other buyers who have lodged claims. According to a statement from the American government: "No restitution was ordered for the hundreds of other known victims in the case, but the judge did order the defendants to turn over to the US Postal Inspection Service all business records relating to the sale of the 26

At least, according to Miss Pancoast, the case is a strong deterrent, sending "a highly de-sirable message to others who might be inclined to repeat this

Dali was known to have dreaded death, but he is well out of the chaos and ignominy which now surrounds his name.

Ford sale backfires

Impressionist market surprises New York

AUCTIONEERS in New York deserve danger money after a week of Impressionist sales peppered with triumphs and disasters. As the dust begins to settle, it appears that, although values have returned to those of 1988, the

market is still moving.
Sotheby's stepped up first with
37 works from the Henry Ford II collection, offered by the heirs of the company's late vice-chairman. Disaster struck, however, with \$20 million-worth (£10.2 million) left

unsold.
Theories offered for the setback included a boycott by buyers resentful of Sotheby's pre-sale guarantee of \$50 million, a practice believed to support the market artificially.

Significantly, the one painting offered without a guarantee, Renoir's La Tasse au Chocolar. matched the world record for the artist at \$18.5 million.

The star factor won through next day with paintings from the Greta Garbo collection. Her Renoir of the artist's son, Edmond, sold anonymously at \$7 million (estimate \$4-\$6 million), while Renoir's Leontine et Coco went for \$5.72 million.

According to David Nash, the Sotheby's expert, the week was one of growing "confidence and appetite". He wished the Ford paintings had not come up first. Of the company's losses on the unsold Ford paintings, estimated at \$23 million, he said: "We have not lost a single dollar. We have bought some very valuable paintings."

Over at Christie's the performance remained relatively steady, often due to solicitous lowering of reserves, but there were some notable surprises. Why did Van Gogh's Garden of Flowers make \$8.36 million, which Christie's says is a world record for any drawing, while his oil painting Daisies and Poppies failed to self?

Some work maintained the market's recent momentum. A water lily painting by Monet fetched \$8.6 million, compared with the \$8 million paid for a similar painting in May, and a Degas pastel of dancers, which sold for \$1.3 million in 1987 and \$1.5 million in 1988, achieved \$2.4 million last week.

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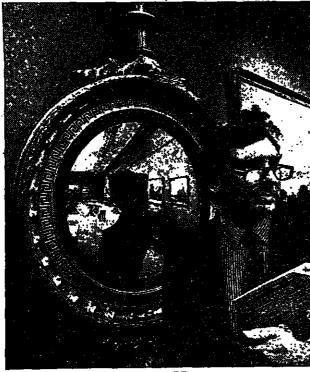
Mirrors

The tairest of them

LUXURY, for Daisy Ashford in The Young Visiters (sic), was "a sumpshous spot all done up in gold with plenty of looking glasses". The 17th century French court painter Charles Le Brun, with his Colorie de Clean at Vanish Galerie de Glaces at Versailles and his many imitators in the vainglorious palaces of 18th century German princelings, would have agreed with her. For others mirrors are spells

for magicians and tools for tricksters. They symbolise truth and prudence, and equally vanity and lust; as wicked stepmothers find, they

Mirrors of polished stone or metal are almost as old as artifice, and the Roman use of glass mirrors backed with zinc is attested by Alexander of suitably - Aphrodisias, as well as by Pliny. Their reflective qualities were probably no better than those of the spotty, dark and distorting metal-



Reflecting on the looking glass: Graham Child of Sotheby's

Although there was a death penalty for Murano glassmakers who took their secrets beyond the bounds of the Venetian republic, a number of them made their way to Antwerp, France and England looking glass".

In the late 16th century. Some in the late 16th century. Some were employed by Sir Robert ers and designers and the Publications, price £52.50

backed products of the Mansell in making the first Nuremberg guild of glass mir-ror makers 1,300 years later. Finglish mirror-glass in the years before the civil war. After the Restoration the Duke of Buckingham held a rather similar position of monopoly with his Vanxhall glass-house. The 18th century has been called "the age of the

ham, 10.30am. At Sotheby's,

greatest wood-carvers threw themselves into the creation of suitable frames to hold glasses, from the simplicity of form and splendour of material of 17th century silver. through the airy fantasies of whimsies of rococo, to the solid probity of regency.

This week a new book devoted to wall mirrors from 1650 to 1900 has been published, written by Graham Child, the head of Sotheby's furniture department. He is a knowledgeable and authoritative guide, although he could have been better served by his publisher. Eighty colour illustrations are not really enough, and the 830 black and white illustrations which are the core of the book are all too often of poor quality, because they have been recycled from auction catalogues. The text, too, is not always as clear as it might be, much of it reading

like captions run together. However, World Mirrors should prove invaluable as a reference work, because it is not narrowly nationalistic as are many furniture books, but deals with the varied histories and traditions of all the major European countries and the United States. It is also illuminating on the techniques of glass and frame-making. What is missing, alas, is the magic.

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day, Sotheby's offers the "Hammer" Stradivarius (up to £500,000). The sales, at 11am and 2.30pm, include an

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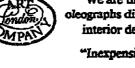
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• Galloping Galle: Le Forêt javanais, a jug decorated with a stag beetle, set a record for Emile Gallé at Christie's Geneva, at £651,020. Bowled out: Ian Botham's portrait by the Scotsman John

Bellany failed to raise a bid at Christie's, causing the artist's agent, Fischer Fine Art, to complain that Christie's had set the estimate — £50,000 to £70,000 — too high. Christie's retaliated by saying Bellany's works have sold for £100,000. Shining hour: A French silvergilt soup tureen by Jean-Baptiste-Claude Odiot supported by two winged and kneeling female figures fetched a record for European silver at Sotheby's in Geneva when it sold for SF1.37 million (£560,652) to the London dealer Koopman.

Vermeer peer. Arch faker Hans van Meegeren's copy of Vermeer's The Young Christ Teaching in the Temple sold to a private buyer at Sotheby's Sussex for £13,200.

Preview

Monday: Spink's offers British coins, coin weights and tokens at the Cavendish Hotel. 10.30am.

Monday to Friday: A testing week for the wallets and stamina of Japanese collec-tors. On Monday and Tuesday, Christie's offers ceramics and Netsuke, and screens, scrolls and works of art. On Wednesday, Phillips has its ivories, ceramics and works of art day. On Thursday and Friday, Sotheby's weighs in with Japanese sessions, including a meaty pair of Kakiemon-style stags (estimate up to £90,000), and a pair of screens presented by Emperor Hirohito to a retiring German ambassador in the

sonic antiques, including and Christie's has a sale of glasses and ceramics, is of instruments at 10.30am and

Erasmus's own anotated copy of his Adagia, or Proverbs tracing many a cliché to its source — is in a sale of books and manuscripts. Estimate for Adagia is up to £300,000.

Twenties (up to £80,000). Tuesday: A collection of Ma- of manuscripts on Wednesday

Wednesday: Sale of European (including British) furniture, works or art and sculpture at Christie's South Kensington, 10.30am and 12.30pm, and clocks and watches at Christic's King Street at 11.00am. Wednesday and Thursday: An unfinished and recently discovered Mozart quintet and two of his great piano

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he adds a political flavour with a look at Yesterday in Parliament. The usual

tackle challenges set by the public to help a good cause. This week she has 48 hours to construct a special

swimming pool at the Middlebenk Centre, near Dunfarmline in Scotland. The deadline is threatened by

Promises To Keep. Apert from a special to be shown over Christmas, this is

e technical hitch and torrential rain

Yorkshire vet series which has been running since 1977. But the BBC once "killed" Bergerac, only for it to

reappear a year or so later. Thora Hird returns as Mrs Clarke, the old

woman struggling to keep her farm going, with regulars Christopher Timothy, Robert Hardy, Peter Davison

and Lynda Bellingham. (Ceetax) 9,05 News with Michael Buerk. Regional

(Ceefax) 8.15 All Creatures Great And Small.

support comes from Les Dennis, Lisa

Maxwell and Bella Embarg (Ceefax)
7.25 Challenge Anneka. The hyperactive
Anneka Rice and her extended truck

and actress Barbara Lott

6.20 Every Second Counts, Paul Daniels

chance of a holiday prize 6.55 Russ Abbot. The last in the present

classic tale of an elephant 8.00 Breakfast Serials. Children's programme featuring six different serials ranging from thriller to mad-cap comedy, with characters all played by Caroline Berry, John Biggins, Lucy Jenkins and William Petrie 8.35 Bravestairs. Cartoon adventures in outer second.

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9.00 Going Live! Children's magazine
hosted by Sarah Greene and Philip Schofield. The guests include Proclaimers, magician Geoffrey Durham and businesswomen Anita Roddick

12.12 Weather 12:15 Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam. The fine-up is (subject to alteration). 12.20 Footbalk a preview of this afternoon's first round FA Cup matches; 12.55, 1.25 and 2.00 Racing from Ascot, 1.05 News; 1.10 and 4.00 Swimming: the TSB and particular writer championships from national winter championships from Coventry, 1.40 Rallying, round four of the Mobil 1 Rally challenge from the Isle of Man, 2.15 Rugby Union; live coverage from Cardiff of the match between the Barbanans and Argentina; 4.40 Final Score 5.00 News with Moira Stuart. Wea

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9.00 Open University: Managing Health Service 9.25The Successful Seven 9.50

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2.45 Mahabharat. Episode 27 of the 91part dramatisation of India's great epic

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There's a Degree in Me Somewhere 10.15 Culture and Selet in Europe 1450-

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Mitchum's illegitimate son (George Peppard) creates an explosive situation intelligent, stirring and well-made. Directed by Vincente Minnelli 6.05 Late Again. Highlights from this week's editions of the arts and media. agazine, The Late Show, including Van Morrison and an Interview with

David Mellor

6.50 NewsView with Moira Stuart and

Lynette Lithgow. Weather
7.35 The Ring of the Nibelung. Sieghied,
Act 3. Continuing Nikolaus Lehnhoff's Bavarian State Opera production of Wagner's operatic cycle Siegined has gamed control of the ring by sleying the dragon Fatner and now sets out to discover the sleeping Brunnhilde. He is unaware of the curse that pertains to the ring and to reach Brunnhilde he must find a way past the Wanderer who quards the rock on which she sleeps. Rene Kollo sings Siegfried, with Hillegard Behrens as Brunnhilde, under the direction of Wolfgang Sawallisch. Introduced by Professor Anthony Clare, who gives a psychoanalytical perspective on the adolescent Siegtried's sexual

awakening 9.05 Saturday Night Clive. Clive James takes a facile but imesistibly witty look at levision in its many forms across the globe. The studio guest is David

9.50 Moving Pictures. The last in the senes of the cinema magazine which has tried to aim higher than the Barry Norman fan club. French film-makers, including Jean Luc-Godard, whose classic Breathless is shown later this evening, discuss the merits of the current crop of French directors in relation to the great New Wave period of the early Sixties 10.40 Twin Peaks. How long can the deliberate quirkiness of David Lynch's

series continue to charm before it all becomes just too tedious? In this repeat of episode tour special agent Cooper finds out where pies go to when they die. (Ceetax)



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\$30 million in 30 days without giving the money away or acquiring any possessions. Brewster believes that this should be a piece of cake, but is

dismayed to find himself suffering from a case of the Mides Touch. An

unashemed vehicle for Richard Pryor who enters fully into the light-

hearted spirit of the film with a lively, emusing and sometimes touching performance. Written by the team who

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Warmbley: Dearnond Lynam introduces the news, results and action from two of today's FA Cup first round

matches and reports on the rest of the day's football. John Motson, Barry Davies and Tony Gubba are the

starring Vincent Price, Dena Figg and lan Hendry. A classical actor mounts a series of gruesome and elaborate murders, each one signelling the death of a drama critic in the style of

up a pound of his flesh, another is

deceptated in his bed and so on. A

tongue in cheek horror which allows Price to deliver a wonderfully hammy

performance (his Richard III is truly memorable). The script has a difficult job matching the performances and runs out of steam but on the whole the

film is worth staying up for Directed by Douglas Hickox 1.45 Weather

escene One is forced to give

12.05am Film: Theatre of Blood (1973)

who stands to inherit \$300 million through a distant uncle's will on the condition that he is able to spend

11.30 Film: Breathless (1959, b/w).

© CHOICE: Jean Luc-Godard's first saure was dedicated to Monogra Pictures, a purveyor of Hollywood B films, and refers to such icons of American culture as Humohre Bogart, the New York Herald Tribune and Ford and Oldsmobile cars. The leading lady, Jean Seberg, was a protegée of a fevourite Goderd director, Otto Praminger. At the same time Godard was making a statement about cinema itself, using a freewheeling technique of jump cuts and hand-held camerawork as a riposte to the studied craftsmanship of traditional rim-making. His hero, played by Jean-Paul Belmondo, is an amoral loner who kills a policemen and goes on the run with Seberg's American girl in Paris. Goderd later rejected the ideology of the film as fascist but it remains a joyous celebration of cinematic form. The co-writer was another leader of the French New Wavel-François Truffaut. Ends at 1.05am

ITV LONDON

6.00 TV-am 9.25 Motormouth. Neil Buchenen, Geby Rosin and Andy Crane present the young people's entertainment show. With music and guests, including Del Amitri, and a chance to see the switching on of the Belfast Christmas

lights 11,30 The ITV Chart Show. Fine Young Cannibals are featured in the Virilage Video 12.30 Posh Frocks & New Trousers (r)
1.00 News with Sue Carpenter, Weather

1.05 LWT News and weather
1.10 Sahrt & Graevsie, ten St John and
Jammy Greeves discuss England's
midweek performance against the midweek performance against the Republic of Ireland and Scottand's against Bulgaris. They also look ahead to weekend matches on both sides of the border and to tomorrow's WBC world middleweight fight between the two Britons, the unbeaten Chris Eubank and the bolder, Nigel Benn

ters. Scorts auz hosted by Dickie Davies 2.10 Rags to Riches. American corredy

drama about a milionaire playboy who adopts five orphan daughters to change his image. Staring Joe Bologna. Film: Your Place... Or Mine? (1963) Predictable, made-for-talevision comedy about a heartbroken psychiatrist who, after being dumped by her lover, finds she has to counsel herself Starring Bonnie Franklin and Robert Klein. Directed by Robert Day
4.45 Results Service with Elion Welsby

5.00 News with Sue Carpenter, Weather 5.05 LWT News and weather 5.15 Disney Cartoon Time

5.25 The New Adventures of Black euty: Surprise. Action and intrigue Beauty: Surprise, Action and seleved with a young girl and her beloved

horse. 5.55 Catchphrase. Quiz game 6.25 Blind Date. Cita Black offers more young romancers the chance to show off on television (Oracle)

7.25 Beadle's About. Master of juvenile tricks Jeremy Beadle baits more poor punters with children jokes



A bird of a feather: Lauren Bacall (7.55pm)

7.55 Frederick Forsyth Presents: A Little Piece of Sunshine.

© CHOICE. Given the quality of the lest Frederick Forsyth Presents ... a. second senes comes as a surprise, but perhaps Saturday avening viewers are not looking for anything too subtle or demanding. As before Forsyth is credited with the idea for each story, a spy thriller "inspired by international headline news", and efly to introduce it. The screenplays are by Murray Smith of The Paradise Club, Tonight's tale is set on a West Indian island about to hold thons as it becomes independent of British rule. Since the two main

American cocaine baron and a American cocenier cerron and a Manust thug, the clear message is that the much makigned Sintish Empire was not a bad thing after all. The Cambbean locations and Anglo-American cast suggest that the sense is destined for more than British consumption Lauren Bacail guesta as a berd painter and is given the mmortal line "Why superintendent, this

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immortal line "Why superntendent, this is a pleasant surprise" (Oracle)
9,50 News with Sup Carpenter Sport and weather 10.05 LWT Weather
10.10 Film: The Man Who Loved Women (1983). Burt Raynolds stars in this technology. comedy David Fowler is a successful Los Angeles sculptor who actores women. He is a great lover — remarkle, passonate and sensitive — a big list with the girls. But all of a sudden he late mio a depression, becomes confused and has to seek the help of a psychiatrist (Julie Andrews). A Ihin cornecty even beyond the rescue of director Stake Edwards. With Kim

Besinger 12.10am Philip Marlowe: Private Eye. Powers Boothe stars as the smooth detective who visits his local bar and finds he has walked into a murderous

1.10 The Time Tunnet Visitors from Beyond the Stars. The two time travellers encounter aliens who are scavenging around the universe for smacks (f)

2.10 Throb. Jonathan Prince stars in the rock music spool set in an American record company 40 Coach, American comedy series 3.10 American College Football. Florida

y Aubum. 4.10 The Hit Man and Her 5.00 ITN Morning News with Anna Lauchers. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Comic Book. Cartoons 7.30 News summary 7.35 International Times. News from around the world as seen through the eyes of ITN reporters 8.00
Transworld Sport, international
sporting news and interviews
9.00 News summary 9.05 Channel 4 Racing: The Morning Line. A look sheed to the day's racing 9.25 Sing and Swing. Jazz from musicians of the Thyrbes and Forbes 9.30 me Difference. Libby Cross and

Mark Todd present the magazine which reflects the concerns of the disabled (r). (Telelext) 10.00 Check Out. Consumer programme with Sankha Guha, Sarah Spiller and John Walton (r).

10.30 Film: Andy Hardy's Private Secretary (1941, b/w). Ninth in the Andy Hardy series of MGM fow-budget films which were very successful just before and during the second world war in this one Andy (Mickey Rooney) takes charge of graduation day celebrations and begins to pay too much attention to his secretary (Katherne Grayson). His guttnend (Ann. Rutherford) kicks up a fuss and Andy gets into all sorts of scrapes some as apple pie. Directed by George B. Seitz

12.25 Animalia. Hungarian cartoon 12.30 American Footbalt: Red 42. All the latest news and action from the NFL (r) LOO Film: Phubarb (1951, b/w). Feline froics when a wild ginger cat is left a fortune, including a baseball team, by an eccentric millionaire (Gene. Lockhart). Pay Milland gives the cat able support in this typical Fifties madcap comedy. Directed by Arthur Lubin

2.50 The Robinsons. Czech enimation about desert stland daydreams 3.00 Film: Call Me Madem (1953). essful adeptation of living Berlin's last meior success which sees Ethel derman as a Washington hostess sent to a tiny European state as her nation's ambassador. She falls in love with handsome foreign minister George Senders at the same time as her young attaché is charming Princess Mans, already betrothed to many a prince. Vibrant and witty with some glorious music. With Donald O'Connor and Vera-Ellen. Directed by Walter Lang 5.10 Brookside Omnibus, Suburban

Liverpool soap (r) (Teletext)
6.30 Right To Reply focuses on the cutt
sci-4 senes The Land of Gents

Presented by Brian Hayes 7.00 The World This Week includes reports on the future status of Lebanon and how Soviet troops in Germany ere coping with a reunited country.

8.00 Adventures: Mr Mike is on the ● CHOICE: Here is a

mountaineering film that stays mainly at the base camp and focuses less on the climbers than their back-up learn. Last year a British team set out to climb the lifth highest mountain in the world, Makalu in the Himelayas, They took with them 170 sherpe porters, not to share the glory of the conquest but to carry the provisions and the equipment and make the Brits their early morning tea. In more deterential days the sherpes might have been put up with the discomforts and the meagre pay. But on this expedition the porters' grievences over shortages of food, coupled with fears that liness

To latch and carry: a sherpe porter (\$.00pm)

will release the souls of the doed, create an atmosphere of trostility which threatens rebellion. One way and enother the Brits come out pretty badly but the fact that the him was mi by two Americans. Peter Getzels and Hamet Gordon, may be coincidental. 9.00 LA Law: Slum Enchanted Evening.

Popular, glossy American drame sense about a Los Angeles lew firm (r)

10.00 Film on Four: The Emigrants (1986, b/w). Final part of the trilogy of films about the flight of a family of German Jaws from Nazi paraccuton, based on the autobiography of Georg Stefan Troller, With Dons Buchrucker, Dagmar Schwarz, Frnat Stenkowsky, Dwydferi Schwarz, Ernet Stankovsky. Directed

by Axel Corts
12.20em The Week with Jonathan Ross. A chance to see again high and lowlights from this week's Tomoht with Jonethan Ross

12.50 Snoops: Photo Opportunity. Comedy-crime drama senes about a high-flying couple based in Vashington DC

1.50 The Word, With Holly Johnson, Belinds Carliele, Sean Young and Steve Guttenberg (r). Ends at 2.45

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am Barner Reef 6.30 The Flying Kwi 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 The Bonac Woman 12.00 Beyond 2000 1.00pm Chopper Squad 2.00 WWF Wresting Challenge 3.00 Those Amazing Ammels 4.00 Eight is Enough 5.00 UK Top 40 6.00 The Love Boar 7.00 Sorny Spoon 6.00 in Lung Color 8.30 Cops 9.00 Unsolved Mystenes 10.00 WWF Superstans of Westfring 11.00 UK Top 40 12.00 The Introductation 1.00 MR Top 90 12.00 The

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squao decomes worker wan a gang of jewel theres 5.30 Tennia Shoot-Out: Live from Milan Knock-out tournement featuring play-ers such as John McEnroe, Ivan Lendl, Bora Becker and Stefan Edberg 7.40 Entertainment Tonight 8.00 D.O.A. (1988). A posened man Observer. Overith her isset 28 hours, to back. 10.00 Med Max 2 (1981) Mel Gibeon returns as the road warmer in this violent yet

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4.00 Burgler (1997) Cat burgler
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she did not commit. Ends 5.30

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in grey and rainy England His books, he says, have largely been an attempt to recreate Shanghai, notably *Empire of* the Sun. This programme

opens a sense of city portraits, later to include Spender, talking with Isherwood about Berlin, and

Nadine Gordiner on her na



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 J. Strauss, son (Overture, Die Fledermeus: Murach Radio Orchestra under Placido Domingo); Beethoven (Fentasia in C. Op 80: John Aldie Choir; New Philiammonia under Otto Klemperer); Grieg (Holberg Suite: Orpheus CO) 8.30 News
 8.35 Bournemouth Sinfonietta under Peter Hirsch, with Colin. Bournemouth Sinfonietta under Peter Hirsch, with Colin

Carr, cello, performs Haydn (Symphony No 46 in B); Webern (Five Movements, Op 5); Schumann (Cello Concerto)

9.30 Saturday Review: A special edition devoted to Mozart, presented by Edward Greenfield. Factured Wickners reviews the 1991 Mozart editions, new records of Mozart pleased on the Mozart played on the tortapiano are revewed by Stephen Petitit, Lionel Setter on Iwo new Coss and a Don. 10.40 Record Release: Symphony No 34 m C, K 338 (LPO under Thomas Beschem), Sonata in B flat, K 570 (Alexey Lyubmov, fortapiano); Exsultate, Jubiliate, K 165 (Concernus Musicus, Vienna under Hermonocout, weth Barbara Bonney. Mozart played on the Vienna under Harmoncourt, with Barbara Bonney, soprano); 11.37 Erik Smith, producer of the Philips complete Mozard edition, talks to Edward Greenfield; 11.58 Flute Quartet in D, K 285 (Boccherin Quartet, Toykyo, with Massinro Arita, flute); Fentasia in F reinor, K 608 (Martin Haselböck prosm):

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Caretaker of subtle paranoia

Harold Pinter's recent plays lack the menace of old, argues Benedict Nightingale, but his masterpieces still have disturbing power

1980s fiercely esponsing radical causes, adapting books for the screen, directing rather disappointing plays by other people - and writing sadly little stuff of his own. His 1990s look like being different in one respect only. Original Pinter may well be in even shorter supply. If he pens anything much more or longer than the 17-minute piece the National staged in 1988, Mountain Language, it will be a surprise. The Pinter dig seems to have difficulty throwing up so much as a shard these days.

Yet both internationally and nationally his reputation remains more formidable than that of any other British dramatist. Next Tuesday his first major play, The

Birthday Party, gets a fresh showing at The Place, and will be followed by revival after revival: Peter Hall's production of The Homecoming in January, Betrayal at the Al-meida at the same time, and Old Times on tele-vision rather later. These are not just a

candles nostalgically lit on a cake baked to celebrate Pinter's 60th birthday. It shows there are people out there convinced that what he wrote between 1958 and 1978 still has

importance in the 1990s. They are right, too. In the past 30 years, most English dramatists have concerned themselves in one way or another with the shifts of society and the issues of the day. In the 1980s they were joined by the Harold Pinter of One for the Road and Mountain Language: two brusque plays with blunt things to say about torture and oppression. But the earlier Pinter had a more individual voice and a uniquely penetrating eye. What fascinated him was not just the social and political behaviour of Homo sapiens, but the animal lurking darkly within.

His best plays combine a raw power with a certain mystery: a zoologist's unsentimentality with a secret agent's feel for the hidden nuance, the giveaway gesture, the coded remark. If they sometimes seem difficult, it is because he knows that people, especially Eng-

arold Pinter spent the lish people, do not necessarily say what they mean or mean what they say. His characters may suddenly start talking of some-thing that seems off-the-point or even off-the-wall: the vagaries of London buses, or the intricate one-way system north of Oxford Circus. But in each case they are slyly warning an intruder that it is time he made an exit.

The listeners usually know very well what is being said, too. Pinter has never been particularly in-terested in that subject so fashionable a few years ago, "failure of communication". His characters may communicate obliquely and unconventionally, but they have little trouble making others aware of their hunger for attention, power, status, security, territory, and sex. Primary drives are assert-

ing themselves, plain messages being conveyed:
"get out", "give me
that", "give me
yourself".

The result can be drama rich in danger and conflict. A young builder deftly destroys the trainp to whom his troubled brother has given houseroom: The Care-

turns up from the past of the wife of an edgy film director, and, in the nicest way, tries emotionally to hijack her. Old Times. An academic brings his wife to meet his family, and this time they really do steal her. The Homecoming. Pinter's people usually seem unremarkable, the kind to be seen

in any bus queue or traffic jam; but they are often desperately battling for their survival. A slip, a push, and who knows what horror may not overtake them? In both The Birthday Party and The Hothouse, seemingly innocuous young men are reduced to little more than human vegetables. In The Dumb Waiter a professional killer himself ends up dead, shot by his own partner, and again for no good or clear reason.

There is a sense in which the mysteries of Pinter's plays embody their point and purpose. People charily circle each other. They plot, manoeuvre, play family politics. Their behaviour can strike an audience as inscrutable. But if we sometimes have to work



Bleak words: Donald Pleasence and Robert Shaw in the 1961 production of The Caretaker

much the better. The warning engraved on Pinter's portal is: people are out to get us, so let us be watchful, be wary, and never, ever drop our guard. His subtlest, strongest plays are practical les-sons in emotional self-defence. Irving Wardle memorably chri-

stened them "comedies of menace". They could also be described as dramas of suspicion, some might say of paranoia. Nobody but Pinter has written anything quite like them, and nobody, not even Pinter, is writing anything like them now. It would be impertinent to suggest that the impulses which gave his earlier plays their inner energy have shifted to his life, fuelling his crusading zeal, shaping his poli-

from his work in the 1980s.

The few plays he wrote were either rather bland, like the overrated A Kind of Alaska, or superficial, like One for the Road and Mountain Language. In these, dark emotions are no longer bubbling beneath the dramatic skin. Subtext has become text. Fear, suspicion and anger are out in the open. Troubling strangers and sinister intruders have turned into sadistic policemen and nasty prison guards. Subtle, amorphous

dangers have become obvious, political ones. Comedies of menace, dramas of paranoia have given way to propaganda for Amnesty International: worthy, no doubt, but far less original. Yet those early plays remain to

he rediscovered, and show no sign of being forgotten. Why should they be, when their author found such striking ways of dramatising some of the deepest human dreads and desires? No other contemporary playwright can claim as much.

● The Birthday Party opens at The Place, 17 Duke's Road, London WC1 (071-387 0031) on Tuesday.

Egyptian virtuosity

start with a long set of solos, with the musicians of the Layali El-Sharq Ensemble ranged across the back of the stage as the only decor. Suraya Hilal's movements are tremendously exciting, not only for the skill, grace and stamina that go into them, but for the way

she can change the mood at will. One moment she is all tracic passion, like an Egyptian version of the Dying Swan. The next, she is reincarnated as an austerely spiritual being. Then again, she is suddenly watching the audience with an amused smile as her hips or shoulders seem to move with a life of their own. At her command, and not a moment sooner, the audience erupts into clapping to the music, while an immense wave of participatory enthusiasm sweeps down from the back of the house to the stage.

No art is an island, and in the playing of the musicians on their mixture of traditional Egyptian and Western instruments, there are gypsy and Spanish associations to be heard, and Indian ones too. These influences can be seen in the dancing, too.

The way that she can isolate one joint to move alone is incredible; as is the impression that just the

DANCE Spraya Hilal

Sadler's Wells

flesh on her upper arm or the thigh as she kneels seems to tremble. while she is otherwise still. Equally, so are the bursts of energy when every part of her body moves at once but separately, and the coordination which gives the many disjunct movements a rythmic flow, turning them into a

cohesive whole. A pity that the three supporting dancers have some of her skill but little of her sinuous grace. That weakens a sequence of salon dances in the first half. However, Hilal's choreographic ability disguises all shortcomings in the ritual ensembles of exorcism and invocation that end the programme,

She is greatly helped by the impassioned singing of Saleh Maitar and the enthusiastic participation of the players who cluster round the dancers with their little drums, beaming with

JOHN PERCIVAL

Modes old and new

RICHARD Bernas has devised a neat and intriguing programme to tour around the country during the next fortnight. The musical range is rather like the tour itself, hopping from point to point from Bach's early cantata Christ lag in Todesbanden to Goehr's Senata about Jerusalem and Parts Es sang vor langen Juhren by way of Stravinsky's Cantata.

But consistencies and parallels abound. All four works find modern life in the old modal scales. All of them have clear refram forms. All of them are, at least in these performances, for intimate groupings of voices and instruments. And all of them, despite Stravinsky's disclaimer and Part's ostensibly secular text, are essentially religious.

There are still, though, enough differences to make their performance together problematic, not because of questions of "authentic" style - Bernas, to wonderfully refreshing effect, has his solo strings playing with full vibrate in the Bach - but because singers who are equally competent in Bach and Goehr are a rarrity Here the Bach performance, with the four soloists singing the choruses, was vocally uncertain.

Sarah Leonard was heard to much better effect in the false but glittering visionary excitement of the Goehr, where Nigel Leeson-

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Williams also made more of an impression as the sturdy narrator. Andrew Murgatrovd found his moment in the confident sinuous thrust that he brought to the long tenor solo of Stravinsky's

Christopher Robson contributed a beautifully cool, plaintive but quite unsentimental performance of the Part song with violin and viola. Though it is sung by a contraito in the official recording, the piece works wonderfully well a counter-tenor number, becoming at once more ethereal and more consonant with the Baroque past

Bactuan echoes are also evident in the texture, form and seriousness of the Goehr piece, a vivid, muscular and bitter comic-strip on human folly, originally written for thesurcal presentation, but here losing nothing from the opportunity to concentrate more on its tangy instrumental writing, centred on a proud and golden brass trio. This and the Part make the programme well worth looking

PAUL GRIFFITHS

Deals in abstract discussion

THE anthor of this weird two-hander is Bernard-Marie Koltes, who died last year at the age of only 41, leaving behind more than one reputation. He has variously been described as a second Genet, the new Beckett, a French Fugard, and the kind of European intellectual that makes Englishmen very nervous indeed.

On the evidence of Kim Damback's late-night production, there is truth in all these allegations, including the last. After all, what does Koltes's passer-by do when he sees what might be a mugger in an unsavoury section of a city more than once called a jungle? He makes a bee-line for him, and engages him in 75 minutes of impassioned de-bate about buying selling, giving taking the nature of society, and what rules the universez providence, chance or something else.

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But then Koltes has set his action, or inaction, in one of those pregnant voids where characters whose first name is a capitalised "the" gather to exchange generalisations. The passer-by is called The Client, and his quarry The Dealer. The first is white, wears a leather jacket, and is played with sour energy by Jonathan Phillips. The second is black, rampled, and performed with earnest affability by Jeffery

Kissood Is it all beginning to sound drearily abstract? The surprise is that, in spite of the Genetlike diction and the Godot-like The obvious riposte is that eventlessness, the play grows whatever rules this play's in urgency as the Almeida

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For that, credit must clearly so to Phillips and Kissoon. The latter was unsure of his lines, feeling that their discussion might at any moment resolve itself in violence. But Koltes has also played his part in generating tension.
What The Dealer is selling,

and what if anything The Client is seeking, is never revealed. It might be drugs, it might even be balloons; but increasingly it seems likely to be something odder and more amorphous, like fellow-feeling or even love. At any rate, Kissoon keeps imploring Phil-lips to accept what he has to offer, and Phillips keeps rejecting him, mostly with a cynical contempt.

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Gradually, the people come to seem as important as their philosophic ruminations. There is something wintry and cut-off about the white man. He has human needs, as The Dealer claims; but he cannot bring himself to acknowledge

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The Dealer and The Client: Kissoon (left) and Phillips

them or see that this black man might in some obscure way be able to fulfil them. But the play is finally not about anything as ordinary or banal as racial prejudice. The real subject is openness to fresh lings, new experiences. It is about wanting to transcend the self, and being too trapped to do so.

In terms of content, that is not Genet, Beckett or Fugard. But in their different ways those playwrights have ha-bitnated us to symbolism and allegory. A modern audience in late-night mood should be able to enter Roltes's theatrical shop and successfully rummage among the emotions and

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Ordinary murder THE less hard-headed would recoil from launching a new theatre company with the

omen whose evil eye has blinked balefully at the superstitious in the profession for centuries. The Red and Gold Theatre Company, therefore, deserves plaudits for its courage. The teething troubles in its first production at the Riverside Studios are relatively minor, promising professional standards.

What the performance lacks is excitement. The director is Malcolm Ranson, the most accomplished fight director in the British theatre, and the play opens with a choreographed battle around which the three witches cast a groundsheet that hides then reveals the combatants. It is when the characters start talking that the temperature drops.

The first half soon settles into an unvaried jog, with the actors using the same pace, volume and limited vocal registers whether brooding over the shard beetle or deciding to usurp the crown. As she starts her invocation to the spirits - that terrible twosecond test for an actress turning from worried housewife murderous plotter -Lady Macbeth gasps, shocked at her audacity; but such moments are rare in this straightforward narration.

The Macbeths are a sexually close couple and it needs only a cautious massage on the buttocks from her thane to do wonders for Lady Macbeth's determination as she leads her husband off by the lapel. Roy Marsden's regicide, vo-

cally thinnish, visually adequate, is decent enough in the part to get all the points over for students. At times it seems be might, with advantage. change places with Neil Duncan's Afforonz Aonus Bandno

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Macbeth Riverside Studios

enough to warrant the production's occasional ironies. "If it were done when 'tis done", spoken over a Viennese waltz for instance. Dry ice and David Hersey's evocative lighting cast more of a spell than the human element.

In the vaguely Edwardian costumes of Demetra Hersey's design, Polly Hemingway as Lady Macbeth cuts a striking if traditional figure, red-haired in black velvet. The men tend to dark uniforms and jackboots, firearms as much in evidence as cold steel. The projecting stage tilts sideways. and the conventional set is not exploited to its full by a decent, if dull, performance

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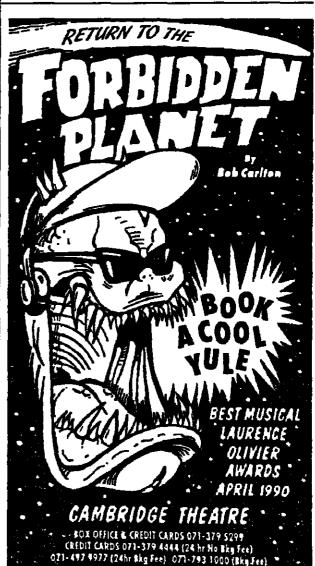
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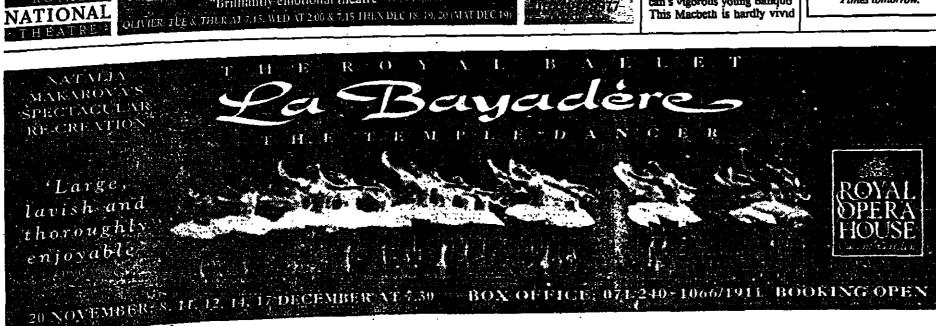
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space. More and more, I realise, as I go on and get older, I get a bit more daring. Reality in the movies is a kind of bore. As soon as I go into fantasy I'm captivated." David Lean. on filming Nostroma, in The Sunday Times tomorrow.







Shevardnadze awaits call to higher office

EDUARD Shevardnadze, the Soviet foreign minister, is being considered for a key post in an interim Soviet administration, it was confirmed yesterday. Mr Shevardnadze, who has held his post since 1985, has been can-vassed as a possible successor to Nikolai Ryzhkov, the prime minister, in the event of his removal.

The post for which Mr Shevardnadze is being considered, however, is likely to have a wider role than the brief currently held by Mr Ryzhkov, and could be chairmanship of one of three new bodies which may emerge as a result of this weekend's crucial meeting of the Soviet parliament.

Future of Soviet state in doubt

Continued from page 1 favoured a more "broadly-based" administration. That might accord with Mr Yeltsin's belief that Mr Gorbachev had acceded to his demand for a unity coalition.

Mr Gorhachev attacked the military officer, Viktor Alksnis, who said earlier in the week that the president had lost his army. but the mood during his speech was restless and frustrated and at least one deputy said he had now lost the Soviet parliament as well.

Although the session reached no conclusion, speakers grouped around three proposals. The first, canvassed by Mr Yeltsin, called for an "anti-crisis committee" to run the country in place of the central government. It would comprise representatives of all the republics (though presumably not those trying to secede) together with "respected public figures" and have "special powers".

The second called for direct presidential rule until order had been imposed or the proposed union treaty was signed. The third, broached by the mayor of Leningrad, proposed two "supreme councils", one, comprising republic prime ministers to oversee economic development, the other, to oversee a new state political structure. He supported the proposal for an "anti-crisis

mittee to take charge of the overall running of the country from the government; a supreme economic council to co-ordinate economic development, and a supreme political council to determine the country's future structure. Asked about Mr Shevard-

nadze's future yesterday, Bons Yeltsin, president of the Russian Federation, smiled and said: "He is one of the candidates."

The coming two weeks - the period in which President Gorbachev promised a government re-shuffle yesterday — would be an appropriate juncture for Mr evardnadze to leave the foreign ministry. The Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe summit in Paris next week which is expected to set up permanent political and security institutions - could provide a fitting climax to Mr Shevard-nadze's work at the foreign ministry. He is credited with much of the responsibility for opening up Soviet diplomacy to the outside world after the reign of Andrei Gromyko

One sign that Mr Shevardnadze is about to leave the foreign ministry is the flurry of ambassadorial appointments - more than 20 in the past six weeks, including the transfer of Gennadi Gerasimov, the chief foreign ministry spokesman, to a European post. Soviet observers say that the moves are consistent with a foreign ministry patron wanting to settle loyal servants before the arrival of a new minister.

The only obstacle to Mr Shevardnadze's preferment might be objections from his native republic of Georgia. The new Georgian president is an erstwhile dissident who would have found himself on the opposite side of the barricades from Mr Shevard-nadze, the ex-KGB chief and later

Although the post he is being considered for is said to be with an interim administration, pending the creation of a new Soviet political structure by a Treaty of Union, Mr Gorbachev implied yesterday that the process of concluding such a treaty will take longer than expected and could last well into next year.

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Swiss soar to victory in solar car contest

By NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

SOLAR-nowered car from Switzerland beat some of the mightiest names in automotive engineering yesterday by taking the chequered flag in Adelaide, Australia, to win the 1,875-mile World Solar Challenge cup. The "Spirit of Biel", a 385 lb

vehicle resembling a giant pink-and-blue cockroach and built by Swiss university engineering stu-dents, coasted into McLaren Vale, south of Adelaide, more than 400 kilometres ahead of the Japanese Honda car which had been the pre-race favourite.

"This proves we are not just a country of chocolate and cheeses," said Leo Renggli, the Swiss con-sul-general in Melbourne, who joined 200 cowbell-ringing

supporters at the finishing line. Freddy Sidler, the Swiss team leader, said that the energy harvested from the sun over the six days was equivalent to the energy of less than one and-a-half gallons of petrol. Much of the car's development funds of around £500.000 were raised by the 53,000 citizens of Biel.

Battling for third place are entries from Japan's Hoxan Corporation and two competitors from America. It is uncertain where the £10,000 British entry Solar Flair is. Organisers said yesterday they had lost contact with the five-man team led by Phil Farrand, a technical expert who works for the Williams Formula One Grand Prix team at Didcot, Oxfordshire, four days ago some-where in the outback, but felt there

was no cause for concern. Before leaving for Australia Mr Farrand said that given the diffi-culties they had in raising funds, finishing rather than winning was the priority.

Thirty six cars from nine countries left Darwin on Sunday along the Stuart Highway to bid for the trophy. They travelled during the day through some of the world's most desolate terrain and in temperatures regularly above 40 degrees centigrade.

Organisers said yesterday that three cars had dropped out along the route and that a fourth, the Grundfof vehicle from Denmark, had been destroyed nine-and-ahalf miles north of Cadney Homestead and 1,306 miles from Darwin after being picked up by a twister or "dust devil" and thrown across the highway. A spokesman

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for the organisers said that the driver had been lucky to escape

The winner, designed and con-structed at the Biel University of Switzerland's school of engineering, covered the route at an average speed of 40.1 mph using an array of silicon solar cells fueling a synchronous electric motor. The efficiency of the solar

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cells, which have been grooved by a laser, was calculated at 17 per cent. This makes them four per cent more efficient than any in the world, University of New South Wales officials said.

Mercedes, Honda, Toyota, Nissan and General Motors have either entered solar cars or provided technical and financial support to several of the entrants.

Conflict of views on pony picture

AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

THE Advertising Standards Anthority yesterday stood by its decision to order the RSPCA to withdraw an advertisement show-ing a dead pony hanging by its neck in an abattoir.

Margaret Sims, the authority's senior press officer, said telephone calls from the public had been coming in all day, both for and against the decision. She declined

to say in what proportion.

Gavin Grant, the RSPCA's campaigns director, said that he had received 1,000 calls yesterday, all but mine in favour of publishing the photograph, which was in-tended to highlight the society's concern that the export of live horses to the Continent to be slaughtered for food might be resumed after 1992 with the introduction of the single European market.

At present, Britain effectively hans the live horse trade by limiting exports to horses above a minimum value, including those exported for breeding.

The offending advertisement had already appeared in The Times and several other national newspapers before the authority took action. The Guardian yes-terday published the text of the advert opposite a blank page.

In a phone-in poli conducted yesterday by BBC Radio One's News 90 programme, 98 per cent of some 2,500 callers said the use of the offending photograph was justified. Mr Grant said this showed that the advertising authority was "out of touch".

Miss Sims said: "We had many calls from people who were upset because they thought we were opposed to the RSPCA's campaign against the live horse trade. When we explained that we supported the cause, and were merely objecting to the use of this photograph, they calmed down."

The authority did not dispute the right of the RSPCA to use shock tactics but questioned the relevance of this particular photograph. It was very seldom that the authority moved so quickly to request the withdrawal of an advertisement without having re-ceived any public complaint, Miss Sims said. It had the right, however, to act on its own initiative as the body monitoring the advertising code of practice.

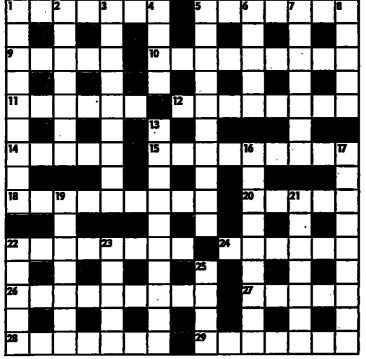
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1 Staggered when cond round old City church (7). conducted 5 Beggar gets State hand-out (7).

9 In favour of investing? Look to the stage (5). 10 Reprove players taking single in front of wicket, say (9).

11 Tuck into harvest (6).

12 Redoubtable Institute adopting law reform (8).

14 Drivers with no right entering arterial route (5). 15 Pulled out former journalist to

cover religious work (9).

18 Reckless individual's crazy road 20 Doctor takes small boy for a fool

22 Wearing period clothing, clumsy Rose is exasperating (8). 24 Suppress return matches with the French (6).

26 Quiet judge, losing head, made mistake and showed favour (9). 27 In this state I was compelled to return with nothing (5).

28 Substance of mine covering new 29 Motors though seen possibly to have consumed spirit (7).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,448 HATSIT PELICAN DOWN

1 A soldier's biography to keep (4,5).

2 Table of duties when importing duck or other fowl (7).

3 Oaks, for instance, where chest-nuts may be found? (5-4). 4 Diver originally an expert swim-

5 Calamity for first person trapped in wartime missile base (10).

6 Get hot and take a breather in the river? Quite the opposite!

7 A hindrance to worker in firm

(7). 8 Minister to negotiate (5). 13 Flier employed by Russian Navy (3,7).

16 Making a concession permitting

17 Relaxing one's guard is risky (9). 19 Rush forward to see theatrical

performer (7). 21 A burden to eschew (7). 22 Subject Tintoretto pictured in detail (5).

23 Play part in exhibition (5). 25 A tool for tots, reportedly (4).

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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct? By Philip Howard a. A celebratory shout of praise b. A celebrant of Pan

c. A Mexican peasant STALKO

a. The Phoenician digraph LT b. A young Hobbit c. A young saw SCHLAGOBERS a. Coffee with whipped cream c. A bureaucratic official

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AA Roadwatch is charged at 33p per minute (cheap rate) and 44p per minute at all other times The winners of last Saturday's competition are: Mrs Apperley, West Bassets, Higher Street, Merriott, Somerset; G V Lister, Horseshoes',

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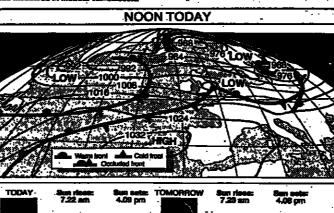
England and Wales will be cloudy with ontbreaks of rain and drizzle, and hill and coastal fog in many western parts. In the afternoon brighter, showery weather over Scotland and Northern Ireland will extend southeast to all but southern England. Showers in the North-West could be heavy at times. It will be very windy in the South and North, with gales in exposed places. Outlook: rain likely in most parts.

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BBC1 8.45 Through the Garden Gata. Dennis
 Corneth visits a Dentmoor nursery (r)
 9.15 Inigo. Fr Bit Hewett explores the life of St Ignatius. Wales: (to 12.30pm) See You Sunday 9.30 This Is the Day. A simple religious service from a viewer's leave in Setting Colfidate.

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the European single market (r) 11.25 A Way with Numbers. A new series with Carol Vordenman and Johnny Ball designed to help adults improve their maths 11.50 Help Your Child with Reading. More advice from Maggie Philbin (r)

12.05 See Heart Magazine for the deaf and hard-of-hearing 12.30 Country File. John Craven reports on the claims of farmers that it is the retailers who are iting the benefits of low-cost UK food production being passed on to the consumer, Wales: Farming in Wales 12.55 Weather

ws with Morra Stuart. Followed by On the Record. Jonathan Dimbleby erviews Michael He 2.00 EastEnders. Omnibus edition (r).

3.00 Film: The Thirty-Nine Steps (1978). Robert Powell stars as Richard Hannay in John Buchan's classic tale about an engineer in search of a code book belonging to a murdered British intelligence officer on the eve of the first world war. Not in the class of the 1935 Hitchcock version, although it stays closer to the onginel. Directed

by Don Sharp 4.40 Sum Chance. Maths for adults.

4.50 The Clothes Show includes the latest in wigs and harpieces
5.15 Schofield's Europa. New series with
Philip Schofield looking at life in Europe.
(Ceefax)

BBC2

Simon Parkin and Andi Peters begins

with King Rollo (r) 7.35 Playdays (r) 7.55 is That a Fact? A look at the

legend of Northamptonshire's Triangular Lodge (r) 8.10 Pinocchio. Cartoon about the boy puppet

8.30 Movable Feasts. A children's docu-drame series about different faiths 8.45

Litt'l Bits. Cartoon about pixes 9,10
Corners. Young viewers' questions
answered (r) 9.30 Dungeons and
Dragons. Cartoon adventures 9.55

New senes of the deservedly award-

winning children's comedy (r) 11.10 Boxpops. Television clips, videos and

vox pacs (r) 11.50 The O-Zone. Pap

parliamentary programme presented by Sue MacGregor. Wates: See Head Northern Ireland: Raw

Sea Rift. This second of three nature programmes examines the Red

story steeped in guilt and anget with

Lestie Howard as the memed concert violated who falls in love with his

protegée (Ingrid Bergman). Poor ingrid cannot live with the fact that her

Blue Peter Omnibus (r) 10.40 Maid Marian and Her Merry Men.

music magazine 12.00 Around Westminster. Regional

12.30 Scrutiny, len MacWhirter looks at the

1.00 Arabia: Sand, See and Sky: Red

1.50 Film: Intermezzo (1939, b/w). Love

7.30 Children's BBC Two introduced by

5.45 The Chronicles of Namia: The Silver Chair.

© CHOICE: The two previous Namis adaptations draw audiences of up to 18 adaptations draw audiences of up to 18 milion, suggesting that the appeal of the stories goes much wider than the young audience at which they are ostensibly aimed. The explanation can have little to do with production values, for the senes looks distinctly low budget and some of the special effects are somewhat less than polished. But none of this seems to matter as viewers young and old are extend to lose them: propersor to some transamments as hermices magic, where someis talk and good will inevitably triumph. As it to compensate for C. S. Lewe's uppercrust children (one of them called Eustage), the producers have chosen to give King Caspian a northern working class accent. This has the affect of suggesting that Name is a more democratic society than the

repressive boarding school the children leave behind. (Coefax) 6.15 Liteline. Maggie Philbin with an appeal on behalf of SKEL: National Bureau for Students with Disabilities 6.25 Nams with Michael Buerk, Weather 6.40 Songs of Praise from St Mary's

7.15 You Rang M'Lord?: Trouble at Mile Upstairs downstairs comedy from the writers and actors of Hade Ha 8.05 Howards' Way. Wobbly drama with

the south of England yackting set. (Ceefax) 9.00 House of Cards: Who Will Be the Next Prime Minister? CHOICE: With impeccable timing the new BBC Sunday right drama is a political thriller about an attempt to

Indemnine a Conservative come minister. The acenano imagines that Mrs Thatcher has finally been topoled and replaced by a man of straw who calls a general election and sees the Tory majority fall from 100 to less than 30. The knives are out, sted behind the scenes by

own happiness might be destroying somebody else's. Attrough the original Swedish version was more delicate, the Hollywood re-make is still waschable.

Directed by Gregory Ratoff

Anniversary show: Nigel Kennedy (3.00cm)

3.00 The BBC Symphony at 60. Nigel Kennedy plays Alban Berg's Violin Concerto, with the BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis, to

celebrate the orchestra's societh

humble beginnings 4.00 Moving Home. The story behind the Sediers Wells Royal Ballet's move to

Sumers syvers myet parent is rijove to Birmingham this summer 5.00 Rugby Special. Chris Rea introduces highlights of the Barbarians v Argentins and Leicester v Bath.

es: Rugby Special Wales

6.00 Juke Box Jury. Jolly Jools Holland introduces the week's new releases guests Linda Hartley, Pat Cash, Betty Boo and Bootsy Collins

birthday. There is also a performance of

Anton Webern's Passacaglia and Michael Berkeley traces the orchestra's



Whipping up revolt: Ian Richardson (9.00pm)

the devicus chief whic (lan Richardson) who uses Michael Calne's frick from Affice and talks straight to the camera. With the whip's wife egging him on to higher things there are hints of the Macbeth story, although the script by Andrew Device (of Mother Love and A Very Pocular Practice) is often cipeer to farce then tracedy. Susprement Harker co-stars as a young political journalist who gets drawn into the plot. Based on a book by a mer Thetcher aide, Michael Dobbs, House of Cards has the makings of a highly satisfying entertainment

(Castax) 10.00 News with Michael Buerk. Weather 10.15 Heart of the Matter: Just Wer. metters to help prevent war? Joan Bekewell talks to churchmen, veter and families of tracy hostages

10.50 The Days and Nights of Molly Dodd. Comedy series staming Blair Brown as an American real estate

11.15 Clean State, Education magazine (r). Northern Ireland. Gaelic Football 11.45 The Sky at Night, in celebration of Netional Astronomy Week, Petrick Moore and Professor Michael Rowen-Robinson from Queen Mery and Westfield College look at the Great Wall and the Great Attractor. em Manabharat, Episode 27 (r). Northern Ireland. (to 12.35) Clean State

Annett reports on British Rail and its uncertain future 7.15 The Triats of Life: Living Together. Sir Dawid Attentiorough examines the motives behind some enimels' partnerships (r) (Ceetax)

8.58 Not Only ... But Also ... (b/w). Pete and Dud in classic comedy

6.35 The Money Programme. Stave

sketches. With music from the Dudley Moore Trio and Marian Montgomery (r). (Ceefax) 8.35 Nipport Taking on Detroit. Japanese car engineers and designers talk about how they overtook what

was once solely a western inclustry and changed the direction of car design 9.35 Kennedy and Co. Nigel Kennedy, the punk violinist, looks at different generations and types of musical influences included in his musical tour are singer Angele Richards, Harpo Marx, the Bournemouth Sinfonietts, uctor Roger Norrington and

Victor Borge 10.15 Film: Cross Creek (1983) starring Many Steenburgen and Pater Coyota. Slow, incluigent sage based on the true story of a sophisticated magazine editor who, in 1928, turned her back on her husband and trenetic city living to hice herself away in a backwoods retreat and write a novel Beautiful scenery and music but the viewer who is left searching for a plot. Directed by Martin Ritt. Wales: Timewatch 11.05-1.00em Film, Cross Creek

12.10am Dence Energy introduced by Normski (r) 12.50 Rapido (r). Ends at 1.25

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6.00 TV-am begins with a Zoo Family sciventure, 6.30 Michaela, Michaela Strachan with stones, songs and pop videos for the young; 7.00 Brian Cant: 7.25 Thought for Sunday presented by Rowanne Pascoe; 7.30 TV-am Newsweek. An analysis of the Week's news stones 8.00 News with Peter Coe followed by Frost on Sunday

9.25 The Disney Club presented by Andrea Boardman, John Eccleston and Gordon ingles includes special quest Craig McLachten with his latest

single 10.45 Link, Sien Vesey looks at the fashion needs of the disabled 11.00 Morning Worship from the New

Testament Church of God in Aldershot 12.00 The Human Factor, Finding The Way. Are British Jews in danger of losing their Jewish identity and being absorbed into a secular culture? 12.30 LWT News Weekand, News and leatures from around the London area

1.00 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather 1.10 Walden. The transport secretary Cecil Parlunson is questioned on the Tory leadership challenge 2.00 Charlie's Angels: I Will Be Remembered. Preposterous American drams about three glamorous gats who work for a law enforcement agency

2.55 The Match. Elton Welsby introduces five League action from Goodson Park, where Everton take on Tottenhem Hotsput in their second game under new manager Howard Kendall, With commentary from Brian Moore and expert analysis from Lawne

5.05 Sunday Sunday. Chat show hosted by Glora Hunnford. She is joined by Russ Abbot, Dennis Hopper, Vanessa Redigrave and the prolific singer/songwriter Roger Whittaker. The guest critics are Sir Clive Sinclair

and Annabelle Hesetone 6.00 The River Thames, A history of London's river. This episode looks at how tun came to the water, with the regattas at Henley and other places on the upper river, as well as the Boat

6.50 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather 6.35 LWT News and weather 6.40 With Great Courage. On November 14 1940. Coventry suffered one of the worst air raids of the second world war Fifty years on, in an expression of hon, the Queen Mother and President Richard von Wegsäcker, head of state of the newly unsted Germany, attend a service of

thanksgiving at Coventry Cathedral 7.15 Close To Home. The last in the undistinguished comedy sense starring Paul Nicholas as a vet with a complicated domestic and working life.

(Oracle) 7.45 The Ruth Rendell Mysteries: An Unknowness Of Ravens. The concluding episode of another polished whodunit, quietly dominated by George Baker's cleverly understa performance as the shrewd and persevering Chief inspector Wexford Despite the opening titles, the Rendell stones have more to do with character than clues and often leature secole on the edge of sanity.

(Cracle) News with Sue Cerpenter, Westher 9.00 LWT Westher 9.05 London's Burning, in the final episode in the current series of the fire fighting drams Malcolm reaches the

high point of his career when he collects his bravery award, but for Tate the end could be in sight after a routine medical reveals alarming news.

10.05 Spriting Image. More topical comedy with the latex sters of the hit-

and-mas sating show 10.35 World Championship Boxing. Jim senthal introduces live coverage of the WBO world middleweight championship bout between the holder Nigel Bonn and Chris Eubank. The commentators at the National Exhibition

Centre, Britinghein, are Reg Guttendge and Jim Watt 11.35 Comics, the 9th Art. A look at the history of comics, focusing on Seventies America. In an era of disallusionment and doom the comic superhere became a symbol of the loss of the American dream and took on the role of educator of the nation, denouncing drug abuse and ecological disasters 12.10 The ITV Chart Show. The latest

news from the pop charts, with lop action videos (r)
1.10 The Time Tunnel: The Ghost Of Nero. The travellers find themselves in a basement of a villa in the Italian Ains during the first world war. They fail to

notice that a lid on a cotfin in a crumbing crypt has moved and that something unseen has emerged (r) 2.05 Golf: PGA Tour 90, Highlights of the

Isuzu Kapula International
3.05 Pick of The Week. Eamonn Holmes looks through the best clips from last

week's regional television
3.35 Adventure. Heart-racing footage of man and the natural elements 4.00 The Silk Road: Where Horses Fly Like The Wind. Documentary sense about one of the world's ancient

trade routes (r) 5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Transworld Sport (r) 7.00 Pat World. Vet John Wilson explores the relationships between people and their pets, beginning with a look at dogs and joggers 7.30 Once upon a Time . . . Life, Cartoon sourcey through the human body (r) 8.00 Dennis. Certoon 8.30 Bobobobs. Animation 9.00 Early Bird. Magazine senes for

children 9.25 Onentations visits Taiwan and examines the merbal art of Cr Gong

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Reading. MPs Nicholas Bennetl and Sir
Philip Goodhart argue the leadership
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cases of respectively, Michael Heseltin and Margaret Thatcher 10.45 Dennis, Cartoon 11.00 Owl TV. Nature senes (r) (Teletext) 11.30 Gram Tales. Rik Mayall reeds The Three Little Man in the Wood (r) 11.45 The Astronomy The Astrology Show. Laura Boor looks at the stars, with guest Segittarian

Rebei MC 12.00 The Wattons 1 00 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea (b/w). Cult Sodies

sc-fi senes 2.00 Film: Private's Progress (1956, b/w) Ian Carmichael as the bumbling new recruit in the geniel Boulting brothers comedy about the British 3.50 Film: Pay Day (1922, b/w). Charlie

Chaplin stars in and directs this short about a lazy building worker 4.15 Nat King Cole Show (b/w) 4.45 Answering Back, Mary Goldring talks to Richard Branson, chairman of

the Virgin Group 5.30 News summary and weather followed by The Road to Avonise. Adventures of a young girl away from home, based on the novels of LM. Montgomery



Bending laws of science: Url Geller (7,00pm)

6.30 The Cosby Show, American sitcom

7.00 Equinox: Superpowers?

• CHOICE. As if determined to prove that science programmes need not be dull, Superpowers? opens with a clip of Tommy Cooper bending a 80000 if is the prejude to a film about CSICOP, an organisation dedicated to discrediting the claims of the personnal CSICOP was founded in the Seventies by a New York philosophy protessor, Paul Kurtz, and has since extended its activities far beyond American shores. Among its targets are another spoon-bender, Un Gatler, Norwegian trolls, German alternative medicine, UFOs and the medium, Dons Collins A couple in Devon who claim to have seen ghosts are visited by one of CSICOP's British disciples and politely told they might be mistaken. CSICOP finds it less easy to explain away a woman's premonition of the Flactorough chemical plant explosion. Geller says there is a vendetta against him and a British psychic calls his debunkers thick

and inedequate (Teletext) 8.00 American Football. The testured game is the Detroit Lions at the New York Giants

8.00 Torch Song Trilogy (1988) Correctly degree about the life and loves of drag artist Amolto Backoff
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9.30 Without Walls: Tunnel Visiona CHOICE A French television team goes in search of the British intellectual in the second programme of Channel 4 6 Iwo-way cultural exchange. Professor Roger Scruton lines to undermine the enterprise at the outset by suggesting that unlike France, Britain has tended to regard its thinkers as intenor beings who ought to keep their enthusiasms to their private lives. The film shows how intellectuals have refused to accept such a role, offering the examples of writers fighting for republican Spain, the Cambridge spies and Bertrand Russell going to prison for CND. Coming nearer to the present, the survey kes in Herold Pinter's outburst against United States foreign policy, the Rushdie affair and the political dramas of the Royal Court Theatre. The sharp-eyed will note that almost all the players featured in the film represent the left. Only Scruton bats regularly for

Mrs Thatcher.

10.15 Film: Songwriter (1984) Amiable country music drams staming Willie Nelson and Kris Kristofterson as two ageing singers who begin their music careers as a duo, sold up to oursue solo careers and come together again. With Rip Torn and Melinda Dillon. Directed by Alan Rudolph 12.00 Film; Take It Like a Man, Ma'am

(1975). Disturbing black comedy about a 50-year-old women who believes herself to be past it and who is in danger of sinking into an alcohol-blurred despair. Then she has a vision of a world where sexual roles are rev Staming Tove Mass and Alf Lassen. Directed by Mette Knudsen, Elisabeth Rygard and L. Vilistrup (Danish with English subtitles). Ends

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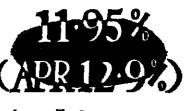
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8.35 La Grotte de Versalles:
London Beraque under
Cherles Mediam performs this
divertissement for Louis XIV,
with text by Philippe Quinault
and music by Jean-Baptiste
Lully (r)

9.15 Busch String Quarter performs
Mozarl (Quarter in E flat, K
428); Schubert (Quarter in D
minor, Death and the Meiden,
D 810).

10.15 Music Weeldy with Peter Paul
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11.00 Decade by Decade; Part 8: 1870-80. Wegner (Sieghred Idyli: Vienna Symphony Orchestra under Sawellisch): Brahms (Vroin Sonata in G. Op 78: Gidon Kremer, violin, Valery Alanassev, piano); Duparc (L'invitation au voyage: Felicity Lott, soprano, Graham Johnson, piano); Smetana (String Quartel No 1: Sinearia Cuartel); Greg (Peer Gynt Incidental Music: Hallé Orchestra under John Barbrolli)
12.45pm Table Talk: The Bishop's Lurch, Sarrantha Bond reads Michéle Roberts's short story describing a miracle with choux pastry

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1.00 News
1.05 Your Concert Choics with Paul
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concerto. Lore Philharmonic Concerto. Lore Pruinarmonic Concerto. Lore Pruinarmonic Orchestra under Marc Soustrot, with Bemard Soustrot; Ferneyhough (Superscripto for solo piccolo: Herte Starreveld); Haydin (Pano Trio en C. H. XV 21: Beaux Arls Trio); Butterworth, orch Baker (Six songs from A Shropshire Lad.; City of London Santonia under Richard Hickox, with Staphen Varcoe, base-baritone); Elgar, orch Jacob (Organ Sonata in G. Op 28: Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra under Vernon Handley)

collection The Cinnamon Pealer and a new unpublished work
4.10 Mozert and Hayder BBC Scottish SO under Jerzy Makayeriuk performs Mozert (Bassoon Concerto): Haydin (Symphony No 103) (r)
5.00 Listening to . . . The Medieval Motet: With examples from the work of Dunstable, Machast and others, Michael Hall investigates some of the musical processes involved in the early motet and their significance for composers today
6.00 Rachmaninov (Vespers, Op 37: Corydon Singers under Matthew Best). Fr Michael Forturato introduces a complete setting of the ordinary of Vespers, Medins and the First House, according to the Russian Orthodox flurgy
7.30 Sunday Play: The Heiry Apa.

© CHOICE: Written in 1922, Eugene O'Neil's Expressionist masterpece, here given a new American production, still has the power to discurb with its raw vitelity. Set in the stokehold of a great ocean iner where men are caged "like bloody spes in the zoo", its central character, Yark, is played by George Dzundza.

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2.30 Chamber Music from Bringham: The peniet Jean-Philippe Collerd plays Feuré (Theme and Variations for piano in C sharp menor, Op 73; Noctume No 6 in D flat, Op 63); Debuesy (Estampes, L'Isle joyaute); Ravel (Pavene pour une infante défunte; Gisspard de le out), incl 3.15 intervel - Pasading Reading
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Ondestie reads from his
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of a gorilla. Jose Lumanu a production could hardly be betiered. The ensemble acting is especially fine.

9.05 LSO at the Barbican under Rates Fribrosch de Burgos, in a performance given earlier this evening, performs De Fatte (Master Pater's Puppel Showl; Totaliovsky (Plano Concerto No 1 in 8 flext; Respighs (Pines of Rome), and 9.35 interval Reading.

10.40 Opus 130: First breadcast in 1975, the second of four public lectures by Hens Keller on Beethoven's late quartet. With musical illustrations by the Asolisia Quartet (f).

RADIOS (a) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shapping Foracast 6.00
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Prelude (s) 6.30 News;
Morning Has Broken with Jack
Hywel-Dawes (s) 6.55 Weether
7.00 News 7.10 Sunday Papers
7.15 On Your Farm: Oliver
Weiston breekdasts with
winemaker Pater Hall 7.40
Sunday, with Trevor Barnes
and Andrew Green, and 7.55
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9.30 Moming Service from
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10.15 The Archers. Omnibus edition
11.15 News Stand: Andrew
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penodicals
11.30 Pick of the Week with
Mergaret Howard (s) (f)
12.15pm Desert Island Discs: Sue
Lawley with 1822 singer Lawley with Jazz singer Elizabeth Welch (s) 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World This Weekend: Nick

The World I'ms vreasent in Clarke is in London, and Stephen Jessel is in Paris for the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe and Co-operation in Europe 1.55 Shipping Forecast 2.00 Gardeners' Question, Time: Listener's gardening problems are solved by Dr Station Buczacki, Fred Downham and Co-operation in the Clark Danhne Ledward. With Clay

Japane Leoward, white Cay Jones
2.30 Sunday Playhouse: The Dissolution of Marcus Fleshman, by Stophan David, Cyril Shape plays Fleshman, a Jew who ded during the war. Meternorphosed rate an ape, he is inhumanely experimented upon 3.30 The Radio Programma: Could the Broadcasting Bill result in station bankruptices? Laume Taylor makes a case study of station bankruptices? Laure
Taylor meles a case study of
the Sony Award wanting
Moray Firth Radio
4.00 News Analysis. Woods and
Trees. With interest rates, the
money supply and the ERM all
current issues, Dieter Heim
examines whether we are
using the night instruments to
measure Birtain's international
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competitiveness (r)

6.00 News
6.15 Feedback: Chris Dunidey airs
istaners' comments about
BBC programmes and policy 6.30 Europhile: Max Easterman presents the magazine programme that takes a look at the lives of European

8.00 Punters (new series): An

Bedel as Isotice, and Kesth Baxter as King Arthur (s)
11.00 in Committee with Peter Hill
11.30 Seeds of Ferth: The Demousters. The final reflection by Kerth Clements on now four temous berdles in Justicy; have had a lasting arginificance (s)
12.00-12.30am News, Incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast.

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5.00 News, Down Your Way:
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directs his own neighbours in
a centenery production at
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London's Barons Court
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7.00 The Root of the Matter (new senes) Heig Gordon reports on key issues affecting British 7.30 Bookshelf with Nigel Fords. Chris Powing and Beverley Matthes select some of the year's best books for children

(f)
8.00 Punters (new series): An opportunity for listness to report on lite's problems, injustices and quints (f)
8.40 Reacing Aboud (new series): The non-fiction reacing series John Shrapnel reads The Fire of Rome, by the Roman historian Tacitus, an account of the fire of Rome during the reign of the Emperor Nero
9.00 Tressure Islands: How illustrators work with nursery rhymes (f)
9.15 The Natural History Programme (f) 9.59 Weather
10.00 News
10.15 Arthur — The Kingr Part 2: Tristram, Graeme File's epic seven-part series of King Arthur and his Kingras of the Round Table Wert Rupert Frazer as Tristram, Saran Badel as Isotice, and Kosth Baster as King Arthur (s)

Wonder 5.30 Stry Star Search 6.30 The Surgeons 7.00 21 Jump Street 8.00 Bodylane: Manuelman 10.00 Felcon Crest 11.00 Entertainment This Week 12.00 UK Top 40 1.00am Pages Irom-Skylant

SRY NEWS

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SKY MOVIES

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6.00em Showcase
8.00 Describeries (1987) Medical contects strong the Fat Boys
10.00 One Crazy Summer (1988):
Searing John Cusack and Denn Moore
12.00 The Bells of St Mary's (1945):
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Supener (Ingrid Bergman) work manactes at a run-down convent school
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comedy staming Michael Keston
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6.00 Who's That Girl (1987): An execusive attempts to escort a former convict
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To be nice and cuddly is premier task

Paul Gascoigne's claim for Evans, a racing journalist, have explained how taxation and VAT Entish government's relations with sport generally since sport became gradually accepted after the second world war as part of the national culture and psyche in every corner

Denis Howell has explained in his memoirs how he extracted from Harold Wilson at the time of his minister with responsibility for sport in the education and science department £500,000 for the 1966 World Cup. Howell's eventual promotion to minister of state within the housing and local government ministry and then in the environment department gave him access to cabinet papers and cabinot committees, yet he never received what many regard should have been his due reward: cabinet rank and thereby direct access to the Treasury's sticky paws.

No Conservative prime minister has ever elevated the sports minister beyond the level of a par-liamentary under-secretary within the Department of the Environment; and Richard Tracey testified to the House of Commons environment committee in 1985 how only 20 per cent of his time was available for sport and recreation matters. The remaining 80 per cent was fragmented between gypsics, mineral planning, planning matters and appeals, royal parks and palaces and ancient monuments and historic buildings.

The sad history of sport at government level is illuminated by the recent revelations in The Times of the oppressive financial burdens. Peter Bromage, treasurer of the Rugby Union, and Richard

are killing respectively profits from the fastest-growing international ball game serviced by voluntary non-profit-making devotees and the survival hopes for Britain's international blood-

tock industry. The British Olympic Associprofit to Whitehall of £2.5 billion. As an industry, sport contrib-utes more to the national wealth in fiscal and prestigious value than any constituent member of the federation of British Indus

could dream of attaining. Yet its recognition and appreciation at government level in material terms are persistently ignored and, The real problem rarely surfaces in the sports pages, and the remaining columns and col-

umnists ignore it or do not trouble to comprehend it. This is the constitutional politico-legal mix embedded within the fragmenta-tion of government involvement in British sport since it was pinpointed by Lord Hailsham when e was Minister for Science and Technology in Harold Macmillan's government during the early 1960s.

He has explained in The Door

Wherein I Went: "It occurred during a cabinet meeting in which



COMMENT

EDWARD GRAYSON

ation surfaces every four years government responsibility for with its appeal for private funding sport was being discussed. It was to replace the slices of its profits being said that, properly speaking, to replace the slices of its profits being said that, properly speaking, gobbled up by the Treasury. And responsibility for sport was being the overall disparity between the shared between quite a number of government cut of £3 billion from departments and authorities, edusports and sports-related activities cation, local government, univer-in return for the price it pays to the sities, the services, and all the Sports Council and local govern-ment grant aid of about £500 athletics, from the Olympic and million produces an annual net Commonwealth Games and Commonwealth Games and League and cup football at the top, to badminton, fives and even chess at the most refined and

> "I pointed out that recreation generally presented a complex of problems out of which modern government was not wholly free to opt, and which government funds were, in fact, and were likely to continue to be, committed in one way or another in coaching, in the provision of playing fields, in matters of safety at racecourse and football grounds.

> waxed eloquent on this subject, talking of the fares for Olympic competitors and many other topics. I suggested that there was a need, not for a ministry but for a focal point under a minister, for a coherent body of doctrine, perhaps even a philosophy of government encouragement . . . My eloquence had its effect on the prime minister and, before I knew where I was, I

was left to organise the first government unit of the kind under Sir John Lang, who had been Secretary of the Admiralty when I

Nearly 30 years later and with, the eighth successor to Lord under-secretaries at the environment department, "a coherent body of doctrine, perhaps even a philosophy of government en-couragement", has yet to emerge at

Thus, the crucial importance to national health, fitness and sec-unity, of physical education at all ages, and particularly between the key formative years of 14 to 16, as essential for the national curricuhim, hardly appears to have enmoguls from the education and science denartment and government ministers allocated to whatever period of office they are

The parallel problem of protecting school and other playing fields from commercial development contains the bizarre paradox that the last word for granting or rejecting planning permission be-longs to that self-same department which has housed the junior minister with responsibility for sport

When the admirable proposal emerged earlier this year jointly by

Colin Moynihan, then minister for sport, and the Liberal Democratic Party sports spokesman, Menzies Campbell, for bringing anabolic steroids into the prohibited drugs area (after a Home Office announcement in 1987 had placed was queried by civil servants in the Home Office. They demonstrated a failure to understand this particular abuse of health as well as of sport and the sporting ethic, and so far no action has been taken for enting the recom

That same department is responsible for crowd con-trol and safety at sporting events. It was responsible for the lacunse in the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975, which regulated licensing requirements for first and second division football grounds but took no action on promotion or relegation permutations, which, together with the discretionary content of the Green Guide an-cillary to it, left the gap into which the Bradford City disaster fell on the eve of the club's promotion

The Home Office also initiates. the rag-bag of football hooligan legislation which has stuttered on to the statute book throughout the 1980s without any attempt to equate this insoluble evil with comparable summer motorists by legislating for man-motorists by legislating for man-motorists by legislating for man-motorists by legislating for manattendance or detention centre orders on match days.

At the time last year when the government was working itself into a near-paranoic condition for attempting to alleviate the unfulfilled threat of English football supporters' travels to Italy for the World Cup, the prime minister met not only her ministers from environment and Home Office and the law officers, but also Foreign Office advisers (which also has its

ing pic).
When overseas sporting participation permits are required, the employment department enters the stage; and rural recreational activities are regulated by the agriculture and fisheries ministry hile water sports remain with the environment department.

finger in any South African sport-

More significantly, and perhaps greater importance, are the fferential financial attitudes with which local government officials and their councillors approach the discretionary rate reliefs which have been available to sporting bodies, and particularly the vol-untary sporting sector, since the General Rate Act of 1967 and, more recently, the Local Govern-ment Act of 1988. Sporting organ-isations, especially clubs which compensate for lack of school facilities for whatever reason by providing coaching services, are entitled to qualify as sporting educational charities for a discretionary rate relief.

Discrepancies exist not only among local authorities for the manner in which this is operated with variations of relief or refusals. The smaller populations in Scotland. Wales and Northern Ireland receive more sympathetic attitudes

amorphous environment department allows or encourages for local authorities in Eugland.

arliament alone can fill this particular gap by legislating for compulsory rate relief where the untold numbers of volunteers strive to do the government's work for it through the health, education and recreational facilities enjoyed throughout the

With the Sports Council next year marking 1991 as the Year of Sport and the World Student Games at Sheffield preceding the rughy union World Cup, is it too much to ask for someone some-where in Whitehall and West-minster at last to take on board Lord Hailsham's need ... "for a focal point under a minister, for a coherent body of doctrine, perhaps even a philosophy of government encouragement", with a seat at the exhinet table?

For how much longer must British sport, which contributes much to the national character wealth and prestige, be treated as a chine which feeds so greedily upon its internationally marketed products, yet consigns it to a grovelling role without even a voice to be departmental hand-outs makes the headlines before every parliamentary session?

The prime minister may not know how much goodwill could be generated if she were ever to be seen to be nice and cuddly to British sport generally, not just to

Edward Grayson is a barrister

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BOXING

Benn the brawler may meet his match in Eubank

By Srikumar Sen BOXING CORRESPONDENT

BOXING is not what it used Bons to be. In the old days your 28. knew what to expect from a contest, value: from Mills, Farr, Robinson, Basilio, Marciano, Monzon, Minter, Finnegan et Ali.

These days you do not know 0 det quite where you are. James "Buster" Douglas can box blown away 25 of his oppobeautifully one day to knock nents, Eubank has not looked out the unbeatable Mike exciting winning all his 24 Tyson, and the next time out contests. Thus it is Eubank's take his \$24 million and run. form that will decide the Too often, television viewers quality of the contest. It will of nubbish".

paper talk, paper money, scientific as he claims and his paper records and pay-per- heart as unfluttered as his view. Therefore it is not demeanour, it is Benn who without some trepidation that will be in for the fight of his I approach the world title bout life. between Nigel Benn, use
World Boxing Organisation
middlweight champion, from
West Ham, and Chris Eubank,
bank has little or no amateur
bank has little or no amateur between Nigel Benn, the Exhibition Centre in Birming-

On paper again, it looks one of the most exciting and fascinating contests to be held in Britain for a long time: a a-half years and graduated bout between a brawler and a from high school. I had fought boxer; the loud-mouth and the four or five times a week on quiet man. On canvas? One the streets in south London. I can only hope. Doubts arise because Benn has faced only one solid opponent in his 28 one solid opponent in ma Zo contests, Michael Watson, who knocked him out after weathering six torrid rounds; Eubank has met no one of any the Best", but believed boxing substance at all.

Benn's strengths, weak-mug's game. nesses and flaws are known,

THE *** TIMES

SPORTS SERVICE

FOOTBALL

Tale of the tape

Perspectives are lost in heart. If his boxing is as

pedigree, having been brought up in the South Bronx district of New York from the age of

about his childhood. After to be a barbaric sport and a

boxing is, and how strong his

"I lived there for three-andnever fought in South Bronx.

It was my saviour." he said

impression of being a man of more substance than any of Benn's opponents. He looks the kind of thinking boxer to work out a strategy to exploit Benn's flaws: his chin and his Benn has never been happy

and solid, and he has given the

against boxers, and always sought opponents who have come to fight on not too steady feet: José Quiñones, Doug DeWitt and Iran Barkley. When he took on a slick American journeyman, Sanderline Williams, in Atlantic City last January, he found himself out of his depth. Not only did Williams's jab wobble Benn several times, but smart parrying and holding kept Benn off balance and prevented him from landing cleanly, and in the end he got

mastering Benn. "I'm a skillster," Eubank says. "I can beat him with three or four boxing modes." However, the challenger's main problem will be to get past the neo-Neanderthal clubbing assaults of the first couple of rounds.

Everything will depend on how Eubank reacts to the first big punch that lands on him. As Barry McGuigan said, "I always wanted to see how my opponents took my first punch. When it goes in it can be demoralising for someone who has never been hit hard." If, after that punch, Eubank

can keep his nerve and jab and uppercut all in one piece, he but Eubank's are something of From what I have seen of could stop Benn around the a mystery. While Benn has Eubank, his boxing has looked fifth or sixth round.

New coach in charge of united Germany

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surprise.

Bernhard Peters, who has stepped in is generally known to be a quiet man capable of showing great emotion only under exceptional circumstances. That Britain will be elected the ample constituted. playing the newly-constituted Germany for the first time makes the situation unique, although there are no former East Germans in the squad. Under Kleiter's guidance, the

then West German team won the trophy three years in a row from 1986 to 1988, but last year, in Berlin, they did not seem to be particularly interested and eventually settled for the bronze medal. Most people believe that the twelfth tournament of the

A NEW face will be seen in the German party when they face Great Britain in the Champions Trophy tournament here tomorrow. Klaus Kleiter, the West German team coach for the last 16 years, will be missing. The news of his sudden, albeit temporary, replacement has taken the entire hockey world by surrorise.

been numerous occasions on which teams losing early ground have never been able to recover in this the most punishing and faccinating of international community and provide the president of the International Hockey Federation. Australia have won the trophy

for a record four times, the Germans three times, the Netherlands twice and Pakistan twice. The event moves back to Berlin in September, 1991, to Berlin in February, 1992, and then to England in 1993, probably at Reading.

Britain, with a fair proportion of new blood in the squad, still retain seven 1988 Olympic gold medal-winners — Faulkner, Martin, Potter, Garcia, Kirkwood, Clift, Grimley.

The weekend programme in the Poundstretcher National League has been seriously dis-rupted because of postpone-ments, leaving St Albans in a series will become a contest for position to go to the top of the the gold medal between Australia, the holders, and Pakistan.

The unexpected can always happen in this round-robin tournament, and there have.

A policeman with his finger on the pulse-beat of trouble



Nerve centre: Superintendent Appleby opens another chapter in the National Football Intelligence Unit's operations against the lawless

Where the hooligan hotline rings

THE National Football Intelligence Unit (NFIU) is the co-ordination centre in the constant fight against football hooliganism. Since March 23, its staff of seven police officers and two civilians have manned the office in Vauxball at least from 7am to 7pm every day, but often all night

The match on Wednesday was an obvious case. It was a potentially combustible fixture since it was a European championship qualifying game with political overtones and many England supporters found the proximity of Dublin a particular attraction.

Using material from local forces and from individual officers responsible for League clubs, the NFIU collates information on the travel and movement of supporters, identifies known hooligans and analyses intelligence about their intentions to cause trouble. Planning and preparation are paramount.

The unit passes on material to local forces about the latest tactics of hooligans. A recent example is of a hooligan concealing a weapon in an nem of clothing to avoid detection by an officer, who simultaneously risks injury in ferries. carrying out the search.

Carrying out the search.

One particular success of the unit has been the "hooligan hotline" (071 230-5340), which had 350 calls before the World Cup, most of which yielded important informa-World Cup, most of which yielded important informa-

information."

Using a computer that records the details of almost 4,000 hoofigans, the NFIU sends to foreign countries every piece of useful information whenever England or an English club are playing abroad. An international is the countries of the value of a total alcohol ban. Appleby phones official at the Department of Environment. Robert Atkins, the new Minister for Sport, adds support to get "dry" ferries.

New 6: Richmond attends

Although 109 people were arrested in connection with the match between the Republic of Ireland and England in Dublin, only 14 were English. Credit for the operation's success goes to local police and the National Football Intelligence Unit. John Goodbody reports on the unit, whose gathering of information from and distribution to

police forces is vital for containing hooliganism

culmination of weeks of planning that coexists with the, head regular traffic of information Nov on the League and cup pro-

grammes, week after week, month after month. Here is the timetable of the NFIU preparations for Wednesday's match:

Sept 12: Superintendent Adrian Appleby, head of the NFIU, phones the Dublin police to start discussions.

start discussions.

Sept 26: Appleby and PC Andy Douglas travel to Colwyn Bay for a three-hour conference, chaired by the North Wales police and attended by representatives of the British Transport Police, Garda Siochána and the ferry operators. Discussions include benefits of a "no-alcuhol-in-transit" policy. BTP (British Transport Police) says trains will be "dry". Appleby offers to send members of NFIU to Holyhead to assist local to Holyhead to assist local

yielded important informa-tion. "I am surprised at how many people left their names and numbers," Appleby says.
"It was a very useful source of 50 per cent of his working time.

another conference at Holy- observing the Fishguard-to-head. Dublin ferry for identification of Nov 8: Details of probable transport arrangements of English supporters begin to be exchanged with Garda 1341: Train leaves Waterfield Siochana.

Nev 9. NFIU is told ferry Information relayed.

companies agree to total alcohol

1447: Three known hooligans 1447: Three known hooligans spotted going from Stranzaer to Dublin. "We expected some people from the north using this route, which is why we had it covered," Appleby says. 1430: Checks requested from Holyhead on large number of supporters gathering. Pubs closed to visitors; many supporters in streets.

November 12 1300: Richmond and Dougles leave for Holyhead to assist local officers with identification local others with identification of potential troublemakers. They take with them photos and files of 700 known hooligans, who may be travelling. Flight from Heathrow to Dublin. Two known hooligans on board, Dublin informed. The pair are warred about their conduct or

Dublin informed. The pair are warned about their conduct on arrival.

November 13

0130: British Rail staff say 1,000

supporters on train from Chester to Holyhead. Reports of fighting and disorder. BTP gets on train. Only 250 supporters in transit. They are unruly but no fighting takes place.

0310: Train arrives at Holyhead.

1445: Ferry with large number of supporters leaves.

1502: 157 supporters arrive in Holyhead from Euston.

1548: Another ferry departs from Lancashire on board.

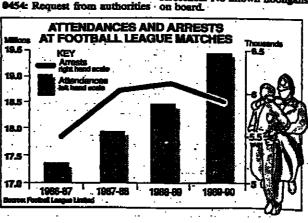
1700: A ferry from Stranger leaves with a notorious group from Lancashire on board.

1718: Birmingham Airport more supporters leave.

1737: Hootigan hotline rings.

1737: Flight from Leave to

fighting takes place. 1737: Hootigan notline rings.
0310: Train arrives at Holyhead. 2115: Flight from Leeds to
Supporters interviewed and
information sent to Dublin. All passengers
screeened. No known hootigans
0454: Request from authorities on board.



information from Ireland. November 14 0932: Strangaer ferry checked.

1015: Private jets take off from Leeds for Dublin. "Even these

Leeds for Dublin, "Even these have to be verified to make certain they contain businessmen, not wealthy hooligans," Appleby says.

1330: Match starts. The NFIU has so far made 897 checks and identified 57 known hooligans. About another 60 hooligans were planning to go to Ireland but have yet to be spotted leaving England.

1515: Match ends.

1530: As supporters return to

1515: March ends.
1530: As supporters return to thecentre of Dublin, England followers become the target for rival groups. Running street battles take place and escalate when football spectators get mixed up with march by Republicans protesting at extradition of Desmond Ellis, the IRA activist. Squads of the 800 Irish police on duty use batons to separate troublemakers. March is called off but sporadic violence continues. No serious damage reported. No officers injured.

Police arrest and charge 106

Police arrest and charge 106
people: 11 Englishmen, 15 from
Northern Ireland and the
remainder from the Republic.
The charges are largely for being
drunk and disorderly, common
assault and indecent behaviour.
NEIU selved for information. NFIU asked for information on Englishmen arrested A Dublin police spokesman says."It is very rare for Irish supporters to get involved in trouble like NFIU asked for information

1815: Trouble peters out, Garda England supporters.

0045: Checks requested from Holybead on details of returning supporters.

1155: NFIU informed that two Englishmen have been taken off the flight at Dublin and charged with being drunk. 1301: Another boatload of

supporters arrives at Holyhead. 1621: Closedown report from Richmond at Holyhead. Total of 14 Englishmen arrested during operation. "A lot of hard work has gone into the operation by the nart and other police to the control of the co

SPORT

SUMMARY.

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Fighting talk



BOXING has changed since the days when names like Farr, Robinson, or Ali guar-anteed entertainment but the much-heralded bout between Nigel Benn (above) and Chris

Enbank tomorrow promises a return to the good old days.

On paper at least, this should be an encounter in the classic mould, between a brawler and a boxer, with Benn's World Boxing Organisation middleweight championship at stake. Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent, hopes the bout will live up to

FOOTBALL

Small chance

AS THE former FA Cupwinners, Preston North End, Bolton Wanderers, Blackpool and Cardiff City, set out to recapture a taste of their former glories, tiny **GOLF**

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LAURA Davies (above) and Alison Nicholas led the European team challenge to the United States in the his Solheim Cup, which started in Orlando, Florida, yesterday. Report.....

Fixture list

CRICKET-watchers will have to alter the habits of several generations next summer. The full fixture-list for 1991, released yesterday, confirms that most three-day county matches are to start on Tuesdays and Fridays rather than on Wednesdays and Saturdays, as they have done since 1920 Page 28

RUGBY UNION

Bath bubble

BATH could go a long way to making sure of the English first division championship today when they meet Leicester at Welford Road. Victory for Bath, who are unbeaten, would put them two matches clear with half the programme completed ...





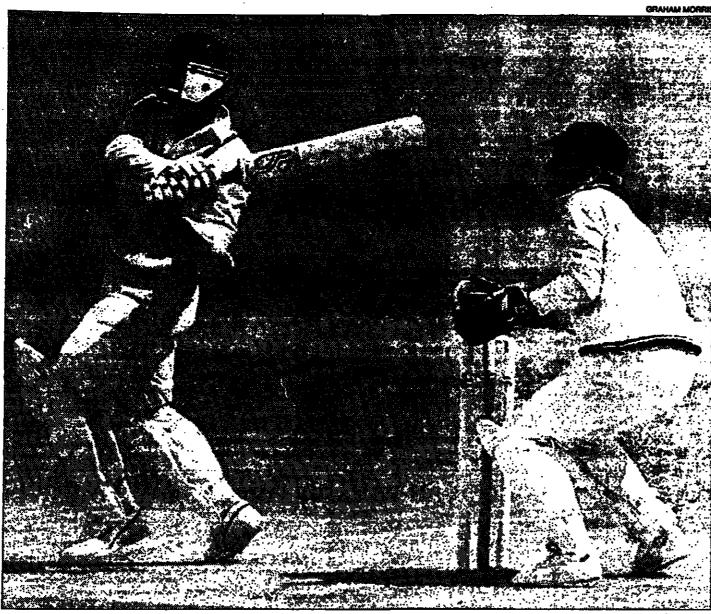
ANDRE Agassi (above) is not likely to find out until next month whether he will be banned from the four grand slam events following his late withdrawal from the field of the Grand Slam Cup in December, Report Page 28

RACING

Golden view

MULTUM In Parvo seeks his second successive Saturday big-race prize when he tackles the £30,000 H & T Walker Gold Cup Chase at Ascot today. The Mackeson Gold Cup winner last Saturday now faces a strong northern challenge from Blazing Walker and Full Strength, who is unbeaten

Lamb shows way amid confusion in the ranks



Captain's knock: Lamb pulls Greg Matthews for four on his way to 154, his best innings for England, against the Australian XI

From Alan Lee Cricket correspondent HOBART

SIX days remain before the start of the Ashes series and England are further away than ever from a settled batting order. Indeed, after losing their first three wickets for only nine runs against a near Teststrength bowling attack yesterday, they may be forced reluctantly into further upheaval.

Yesterday's scoreboard at blustery Bellerive gives no obvious cause for concern. England, at 338 for six, were in control after the first of four days against an Australian XI and Allan Lamb, the acting captain, had made his highest score for his adopted country. There were runs, too, for both Robin Smith and Alec

These three will all play in Brisbane on Friday but the dilemma has deepened over what positions they will occupy and who will bat around them. England's selectors have to urgently resolve the questions of whether Wayne Larkins can open when in transparently poor form, and whether David Gower should drop down the order from three to

Lamb's 154 in five hours was, like most of his centuries for England, a bristling response to crisis, an innings of square-jawed resolve. It will be labelled a captain's innings; it was certainly leadership by example. It did not, however, disguise the fact that Graham Gooch's absence is being

SCOREBOARD

LL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-9, 3-9, 4-145, 5-

BOWLING: McDermott 18-5-70-3 (4nb); C D Matthews 23-6-69-3; Campbell 15-5-37-0; Matthews 23-6-69-3; Campbell 15-5-37-0; McIntyre 14-1-71-0; G R J Matthews 15-3-50-0; Moody 5-0-30-0; Waugh 2-0-8-0. AUSTRALIAN XI: "D C Boon, P Centrell, T M Moody, M E Waugh, D S Lehmann, G R J Matthews, † A Healy, C D Matthews, P McIntyre, G D Campbell, C J McDermott. Umpires: S Randell and I Thomas,

felt every bit as grievously as had been feared. Without him, they have few options in personnel, only in positioning.

Despite the strength on paper of the opposition, this was to some degree an artificial examination for England, David Boon captained the Australians to a clearly prescribed plan which gave all the bowlers an extended opportunity so that, for instance, McIntyre, the young leg spinner, was exposed to a long pre-lunch spell to which, in a Test match, he would not have been entitled. The weather was cruel to the fingers of slow bowlers and the fierce, cold crosswind was

a trial to bowlers of any type.

The pitch was devoid of life once the shine and hardness had

to lose three wickets in ten overs to the first new ball and two

wickets in five overs to the second. It was not a great advertisement for their prospects at the Gabba, where the ball traditionally swings and where Graeme Hick, now playing for Queensland, says he has just encountered two of the greenest pitches he has seen.

England's initial collapse, against the two Australian seamers probably contesting the final place in their Test party, was caused by two men playing unworthy shots and one playing no shot at all.

Larkins's innings was the most disturbing. He scored one in a tortured nine overs and would have done his confidence far less harm had he been out first ball. His footwork is currently almost non-existent. After surviving a good leg-before shout by Chris Matthews and an appeal for caught behind by Craig McDermott, he was out pushing unconvincingly outside off stump

and edging to first slip.

The previous ball from McDermott had hit Larkins on the right hand, apparently aggravating an old thumb injury and plainly disconcerting him. Larkins, as we all know, can be a fine aggressive stroke-player, but in his present mood his contentious selection for this tour looks more flawed than

Atherton perished to a ball he should have left alone and Gower to one he should not. Enter Lamb and Smith, the Springbok salvage

perature was a cool and bracing

90F. They played 25 minutes

each way and the match was

conducted without goalposts and

therefore without goalkicking, an

innovation this column recom-

mends for rugby at all levels in

either code. A Squadron ran in

three tries without reply and thus

back in perspective with a stand of 136, and when Smith sliced a drive to gully his mortified ex-pression told of a century

Lamb made no such concession and, on an afternoon regularly interrupted by the need to retrieve bails and hats removed by the wind, he looked as complete a player as he has ever done, treating the spin of McIntyre and Greg Matthews with regal disdain. Only Greg Campbell, bowling a tight line to a packed offside field, contained him for long.

of the day from McDermott, snaking back at him off the pitch, his partnership with Stewart was worth 188 at better than a run a minute. It was a positive retort to a dire situation and Stewart. refusing to bow to the effects of a virus, deserves great credit, not to mention sympathy for being dismissed in the nineties for the second time in a week.

Stewart's Test place is now safe but whether he, Gower or Smith should bat at three may be debated at some length this week.

Pakistan in control, page 27 1991 fixtures, page 28

Secretary named

Glamorgan county cricket club has appointed Gwyn Stone club secretary. Stone, a Cardiff businessman, served as chair-man for ten years. He takes over the post vacated by Tony Dilloway, who has become commercial manager.

left the ball but England managed team. In a little over two hours, Frenchification of the English

he big sporting event of the the week takes place next Tuesday (you can get 2-1 against Heseltine and 6-1 against Hurd, though my racing snout remains curiously silent on the issue) but Europe is once again bemused by Margaret Thatcher (9-5 on). Still at the crease? No Name-dropping ducking the bouncers? Bowling hit all round the ground? Ca veut dire quoi, ca? Foreign correspondents and embassies have been trying to unravel all this impenetrable Englishness for their baf-

Meanwhile, the French have have the immortal line: Franglais, this time against le Franglais sportif. A body called the Commission of Sporting Terminology, which is attached to the office of the prime minister. wishes to remove English terms from the vocabulary of sport. In its spirited defence of the language of Proust and Prost, the body wants to outlaw le pole position and replace it with le

fled masters.

position de tete. As with Thatcher's cricketing jargon, le pole position is a useful poltical metaphor and its Englishness upsets the French. The French Tennis Federation has been trying to do the same thing; jeu decisif for tie-break and a service break is no longer sup-posed to be faire le break but faire

le breche_ Dominique Champry, of the Ministry of Youth and Sport, said: "We don't want French to get poorer when we have the are encroaching on to the get poorer when we have the resources to create our own meadow areas. Hugh Watson, the trust's conservation officer, said:

SIMON/BARNES ON SATURDAY

Here is the year's finest entry on a cricket score-card. From a match between Andhra Pradesh and Kerala, after a batsman had been caught at short leg trying to pull a ball from outside off stump, we

None of these is even close to being the longest name in cricket: for that we go to Fiji, and their fine post-war batsman, I. L. Talebulamainiilikenamainavaleniveivakabulamainakulalakeba. Usual spelling, please, copy-

Nature's course

¬his column breaks new ground today and offers a nice story about golf. Arcot Hall golf course in Northumberland has one of the finest areas of rough in the country: wildflowerrich pasture, a habitat that is becoming rarer all the time. We are losing ancient grasslands at the rate of 10 per cent a year. This weekend members of the

Shooting star noto Schillaci, the Sicilian superstar of the World Cup, has allegedly threat-Northumberland Wildlife Trust ened to have an opponent shot. will be clearing the bushes that An incident took place after a match between Bologna and

"I have little doubt that if the golf club hadn't preserved it, Arcot Hall pasture would have been faking the foul that led to a penalty and the only goal in the match. There were tough words on the pitch and, in the tunnel destroyed by now. I am delighted afterwards, Poli allegedly slapped Schillaci's face. Schillaci's alleged that the club is allowing us on to their golf course to carry out this important task." reply was: "You're done! I'll have you shot." Poli later commented: "Maybe Schillaci should have Rugby conversion reacted with another slap or even have some hot news from the a punch. But I would never have Gulf. An epic rugby match took place between A Squadexpected those sinister and terrible words."

ron of the Queen's Dragoon Guards and the 9th Commun-All-time worst

ications Battalion of the Marine T ever let it be said that this Expeditionary Force. As those column does nothing for its readers. Yes: it is with a passing knowledge of military lore will already have competition time again and I am deduced, this was nothing less offering the winners a bottle each than Great Britain against the of Calem Colheita 1957, a tawny United States of America port which is exactly what the The match took place this week angels have on their tea-breaks. at Al-jubayi, with a kick-off at 7am, at which time the tem-

The competition is for the selection of Team Nightmare: the worst team you can select, in any sport, and on any grounds you wish. A prima donna XI? Worst haircuts football team (Valderrama and Waddle sharing the captaincy)? All-time whingers cricket XI? Dirtiest or sopplest football team? Stupid names XI? Insane XI? Boring XI? Fat XI? Alcoholic XI? You choose: the judging panel is me and my oldest cat. If you make us laugh, the port

I have a fancy myself for the perfect Team Nightmare mixed doubles partnership: Hana Mandlikova and John McEnroe. How long before these two start Juventus last Sunday. Fabio Poli, screaming and bunging rackets of Bologna, accused Schillaci of and barley water at each other?

Statistics reveal lingering threat of hooliganism

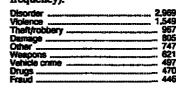
LARGE numbers of football hooligans have committed criminal offences unrelated to the game. New statistics show that many troublemakers have convictions outside football, which has exacerbated the problem of eliminating violence from the

Despite few incidents of hooliganism this season, the threat of trouble has not disappeared on match days. It has been better contained by the police at a cost of nearly £35 million a year to the tax and community charge-payers of

The fighting between Millwall and West Ham United followers this month and the vandalism at Manchester City by Leeds United supporters last weekend show that many of the problems around the stadiums remain. England followers were also the target for the violence of rival groups after the international in Dublin on Wednesday, when 106 people were arrested in sporadic violence. Only 11 Englishmen were among those held. Three other English supporters were charged in sepa-

The computer at the National Football Intelligence Unit (NFIU), in its first full season of operation, lists 3,793 hooligans and a breakdown of offences showing the prevalence of nonrelated football crimes among

The offences are (in order of



In one anti-booligan operation in Greater Manchester, 50 per cent of the people convicted had previous sentences for non-football related offences of violence. In a second operation in the same area, 30 per cent of the individuals convicted had previous sentences for violence outside the game.

Superintendent Adrian Appleby, the head of the NFIU, says that there are hooligans who never come to the attention of the police other than at football matches. "These are mainly young men displaying anti-social behavour, gaming confidence from neighbourhoods and causing damage and public disorder while supporting clubs.

"This is bad enough, and is what might be described as the 'open face' of football hooliganism. But lurking beneath this are the gangs dedicated to violence. Included in these are travelling criminals who, as the statistics show, commit serious offences both relating to and independent of football," he says. One leading gang is involved in the organis-

ation of acid house parties in southern England.

Although there are complaints from football authorities that the game has been smeared by exaggerated reporting by the media, there are frequent incidents that have not been widely reported. Last season, several hours after a Manchester derby, gangs clashed in three pubs and a nightclub in the centre of the city and police established that the battle lines

were determined by club support. Malcolm George, the secretary
of the Association of Chief Police Officers (Acpo) committee on hooliganism at sports events, says: What is clearly evident is that the football criminal element is very much apparent on the football scene and we still have to make continual efforts to ensure matches are trouble-free.

For matches like the European championship qualifier between the Republic of Ireland and England in Dublin on Wednesday, the British and foreign police are obliged to mount an operation similar to that at the World Cup last summer. Intensive - some would say excessively zealous policing in Italy, combined with the diffusion of supporters, meant that serious incidents were confined to the skirmish before the England-Netherlands game and the fighting in Rimini, which ended in the deportation of 246 Englishmen, although that included innocent onlookers.

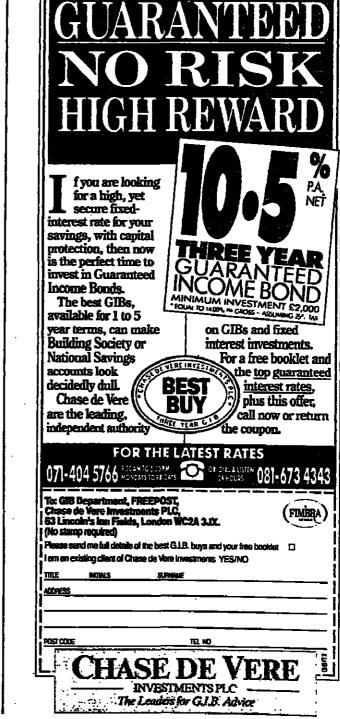
Every day that a full programme of matches is played in Britain, there is an operation involving up to 7,000 officers in stadiums, on the streets and on transport systems, removing police from their regular duties.

George, an assistant chief con-stable of Greater Manchester police, confirms that football provides an area for a criminal element and also for other supporters, who, after drinking excessively or for other reasons lose their inhibitions. "We are trying to tackle them on their own terms rather than fighting them on the footpaths."

George is convinced of the value of covert operations using undercover officers to infiltrate gangs and expose conspiracies. Although time-consuming, costly and occasionally disastrous when cases have collapsed through unreliable evidence, these operations have enjoyed success, notably in er. I bev belt eliminate gangs of criminals. whose activities are not just confined to football.

Supt Appleby is optimistic that the problem is being contained. Cutting the number of officers and reducing public expenditure is the long-term aim. "At the moment, it is simply not possible." Appleby says. "The safety of people going to the game and of society at large must be our prime concern."

Tracking the hooligans, page 26



ATP head 'respects' Agassi

TENNIS CORRESPONDENT FRANKFURT

DEPENDING on whom you talked to yesterday, Andre Agassi was a knight in shining armour or black as night. While Mark Miles, the chief executive of the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP), applanded the American for his stand in pulling out of the Grand Slam Cup in Munich next month, Dr Axel Meyer-Wolden, the promoter of the \$6 million event, called for the Grand Slam Committee to ban Agassi from all grand

Meyer-Wolden said: "If all this is true, I don't want to have him in my tournament anyway and I hope he will be suspended from all grand slams, especially the US Open, the one which will hurt him

Denying that the ATP had influenced Agassi's decision to withdraw after he had signed a contract to play, Miles said: "! have admiration and respect for those players who form their own conclusions for whatever reason and do not take the lucrative opportunity offered by the Grand Slam Cup to make a point."

The Grand Slam Committee are treating Agassi's case as a "major player offence". They have the power to suspend him from any or all of the grand slam tournaments next year and to fine him up to \$25,000. Agassi has ten days to present his side to the committee He also has a right of appeal against the judgment, which will be made by Bill Babcock, the admin-istrator of the Grand Slam Committee, and then ratified by the committee.

Agassi will have to come up with a better alibs than he has produced so far Agassi said that he had never felt comfortable with his initial decision to play the event and admitted that he had made a mistake in signing to play. "This is a moral issue. When I get up in the morning I want to be able to look in the mirror and feel good," he said.

The Grand Slam Cup, he said, deceived the public because it was a big-money tournament, not a big tournament. The thinking seemed a little obscure, particularly as



Victorious return: Becker on his way to a three-set victory over Lendl in Frankfurt yesterday

Becker wins practice duel

but wouldn't lose sleep over if

plete the decisive break to

5-4 Resigned to his fate, Lendl

not be condoned for doing so IT IS one of the absurdities of the round-robin format that two Whatever the rights and players can meet each other twice in the same tournament last year's Masters, Boris Becker beat Stefan Edberg in a meaningless group match only to lose in four sets in the final 48 hours later The same could happen to Lendl and Becker this year in the ATP championship in Frankfurt.

Last night, in their final group march, which was spiced more by Becker's need to win to give mself any chance of being number one this year than anything else. Becker recovered from an appalling opening set to win 1-6, 7-6, 6-4. Both had already qualified for the semifinals and, on present form. must be the favourties to contest

the final on Sunday Becker's, of course, though not quite as old as Edberg But whereas Becker has a soft spot for the Swede - most do -Becker's relationship with Lendl does not go a step beyond professional admiration. When-

ever they play, therefore, there is by the time Becker played the an edge, whether the prize is a grand slam title or an extra 50 ng shot Both players had qualified for the semi-final, yet they went for points on the computer and an each other without mercy or favour for a shade over two extra \$50.000 in the pocket. It would be the same, I suspect, if they were playing cribbage.
"I took it as a great practice hours. Becker chuntered at several decisions, knowing that he day." Lendi said pragmatically re was nothing at stake and I think we both viewed the atch as one we wanted to win

Leudl's dreams might centre on two moments in the ninth game of the final set however sound of a cuckoo, presumably emanating from a watch, just as he was about to serve; the second was a net cord, which left Lendi thrashing at thin air as the boping to lull his rival into a ball was diverted past burn and false sense of security. break for the first time in the match. A poor half-volley off a dipping Becker service return and Becker had an easy smash to

could count on the support of 9,000 extras in the Festhalle. Lendi stayed impassive and began where he left off in and most impressively. Queen's Their personal battle is now ned at 9-9, so, if they meet in the final, it will be a decre It will certainly not have escaped Lendl's notice that, in the last two years at least, the German tends to wan the ones

Becker took nearly two sets to come to lafe, but he is not averse to leaving things to the last minute and quickly asserted his authority in the second set tie break, which he won 7-2. RESULT: Group & 8 Secker (Ger) bt Land (Cz), 1-6, 7-6, 6-4.

production of hype LAURA

AITING for Barry Hearn and Chris waiting for a taxi outside Harrods on December 22, but waiting for Ambrose Mendy and Nigel Benn was like waiting for Godot I had been terrified of meeting this latter pair and was thus deeply disappointed when they did not turn up to the press conference held last Monday to promote tomorrow's WBO here tonight?" At press conferences, I am middleweight title bout. So

all the hype must have worked on me, at least. Still I waited, nonetheless for The Man that Benn was Fighting. That kind of hanging around tends to take place in venues with a dedicated lack of atmosphere and this hotel was no exception: one vaited, one cavesdropped on Frank Warren jokes, one admired the pink and pine, the concealed lighting one watched the air turn pea-One picture is always souper with cigarette smoke:

one waited. Every other minute, th arrival of another journalist or photographer brought with it a fresh influx of butchness. Like actors, journalists tend to want their profession to be inferrable from their apparel and physical demeanour, as actors are to their scarves. their big, loose coats, their detectable-even-in-a-restaurant diction, their attention-drawing modesty, so journalists are to their lowslung suit trousers, their tiewearing scruffiness, their dramatic gulpings at drink, slashings at matches, scrintings at cigarette smoke, their manly cynicism.

They stand together and make in-jokes, but their bodies are turned slightly outwards for ease of access in the event of a story suddenly walking past, for example, the arrival of Barry McGuigan (a gorgeous man, a charm school on legs) peeled journalists from their groups like segments of skin coming away from an orange.

As a veteran of three press conferences. I have to say that, so far, each differs very little from another, the style will adapt itself to the subject, but the essential similarities will always obtain. For example, there will always be a nasty hiatus before the first question is put, like waiting for someone to own up at THOMPSON

Eubank is miscast in the

school, or like a particularly stiff dinner party where si-lence will mevitably, regutarty, take possession of the entire table, only to be broken by quiet sighs, smiles and some buffoon (usually me) saying: "So did you drive

never the silence-breaker, indeed the silence that I maintain is awesome, enigmatic, Harpo Marx-ist. My inscrutable sphinx disguise is worthy of Lon Chancy, masking as it does hysterical prance worthy of Norman Wisdom. The most that I can ever do is smile understandingly at the sportsperson behind the press conference desk and hope to be thought

worth a thousand words at press conferences, perhaps because the words being bandied about are so meaning less. Photographers prov close to the ground like alligators, or else scuttle from vantage point to vantage point like things being pursucci by alligators.

Valiant little tape recorders are placed beneath the nose of the sportsperson, whose projection is usually less than Olivierian; I am amazed if these machines pick up anything except clicking and whirring Perhaps the tapes are later sold to the BBC and digitally remastered for its sound-effects records.

But some working you through, making you wish that they had not ut some words do get Of course Hearn was impressively urbane and oozed man-to-man charm. Indeed. it is safe to say that on this occasion, ease of manner was confined to those men in possession of the christian паше "Валту".

"Good morning." Hearn began, inoffensively, at which point the ghost of Oscar Wilde spoke through the medium of a boxing journalist: "Good afternoon," he rejoined, an ironic commentary upon the tardiness of Barry and his boy. "Unlike you to be technically accurate," Hearn flashed back. The ghost of Wilde fled the

there for an instant, and in had been outwitted by a sports promoter.

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Hearn made his speech, the gist of which was that al-though ticket sales for the bout had been good, very good, there were yer more tickets that needed to be sold. which I suppose is why we were all there. Then it was time to ask Chris Enbank

y heart had gone out to Eubank when he walked into the room, his beautiful boxer's body wrapped in an expensive suit, his neck straining against his suit collar, he looked almost as out of place as I did, sitting there beside Hearn like a huse, quiescent

Tyson's, high-pitched and lisping. At first, it did not seem that he was going to produce any answers at all but eventually he was helped towards saying what he had been told to say and then there was no stopping him. Listen - this is what I say

... print this. Listen - print this. Benn's a coward. He's not in my class. This is what I say to you. Print that. Why do you all think that - that he's such a great fighter? I'd like to have him here so that I could tell him to his face, he is an ignorant puncher, he is an ignorant man. That's what I say to you." Meanwhile Hearn watched, his face tense with benignity.

The whole Nigel Benn image - the sneering aggression, the "inner city tours" in which he visits schools in deprived areas - is a media-Mendy co-production, with Benn in the starring role. The press conference that I attended, a media-Hearn coproduction, featured Chris Eubank in a role for which be seemed less fitted; that of counter-aggressor who is just as aggressive as the aggressor.

Maybe he does hate Benn as much as he says he does. but I should think it impossible. No, like Michael Caine when he played the inspector in that Jack the Rupper miniseries, Chris took on an unconvincing role for the money. Hype sells news-papers sells fight tickets, even when the hype is hyped.

FIXTURES FOR THE 1991 CRICKET SEASON

Spectators must cope with confusing pattern

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By MARCUS WILLIAMS

Agassi will play in three exhibition events in the week

before the Grand Slam Cup.

The plain fact is that Apass

broke a contract and should

wrongs, the ball is now firmly

in the Grand Slam Commit-

tee's court. If they ban Agassi

from a grand siam, probably

the French, they could risk

adverse reaction by the play-

ers - the most powerful of

whom, Boris Becker, has dem-

onstrated his loyalty to the

tour by refusing to play in the

Grand Slam Cup If they only

impose a fine, they will be

accused of weakness. The

ATP could not have put the

grand slams in a tighter cor-

ner, had they orchestrated the

Neither Agassi nor Miles

would speculate on the out-

come. "I cannot imagine that

Andre will be suspended from

grand slam," Miles said.

But if he was, I hope the

players understand exactly

why he did what he did."

by the ATP.

CRICKET WATCHERS will have to alter the habits of several generations next summer. The full fixture-list, released yesterday, confirms that most three-day matches, which still form the bulk of the Britannic Assurance championship, are to on Wednesdays and Saturdays, as they have done since 1920.

The change has been made for the sake of England's players, who will gain an extra day's preparation in advance of Test matches; county players will also benefit, as they will not have to contend with

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Friday night traffic on the motorways. Quite how spectators will cope is day of Wimbledon. Sunday play was tried, in Test matches between 1981 and 1983 without being a great success.

Assurance (Sunday) league remains unchanged and the anomaly of the Refuge Cup semi-finals being played in midweek Sunday. The final of that competition is transferred from Edgbaston to Old-Trafford, which misses out on a Test

Once again records will be set for season's length and late finish. The April 13 start equals the earliest ever (1903) and

the addition of the potentially attractive challenge match between the county champions and the Australian Sheffield Shield winners means that stumps will not finally be drawn until September 26.

There is the prospect of an exciting climax to the championship: Middlesex and Essex, the top two sides this summer, will meet at Chelmsford in the final round of matches, starting on September 17.

New venues in 1991 are Southeate. where Middlesex take a Sunday game away from Lord's for the first time, on June 2, and Checkley (Staffordshire), where Derbyshire play a fortnight later.

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another matter, for they will find that the six four-day matches each county plays start on Saturdays, Thursdays, Wednesdays and Tuesdays, but three-day matches against the summer's overseas visitors (West Indies and Sri Lanka) begin, by and large, on Wednesdays and Saturdays. They can console themselves that the six

Test matches will still start on Thursdays - except that four of the five games with West Indies will include Sunday play and no rest day. The exception is the third Test at Trent Bridge, which clashes with the last

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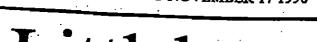
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Littlehampton in the spotlight

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LITTLEHAMPTON takes its humble place in the nation's life during the summer. Trippers enjoy the beach, the funfair, the pitch and put course and the fish and chip shops. "L'hampton", as the locals call it, is a typical English seaside town.

Yet today, Littlehampton will enjoy the warmth of an unaccustomed mid-winter spotlight thanks to a football team that has achieved undreamt of success by reaching the first round of the FA Cup. The club's home at the Sportsfield which occupies the fraction of a wide area of playing fields that lies nearest the entrance through its brick gates, will be ringed by a 4,000 all-ticket crowd watching Littlehampton Town, of the Sussex County League, play Northampton Town, of the fourth division.

Yesterday, the builders moved in to erect the temporary stands and facilities needed to cope with a crowd the like of which Littlehampton has never seen. All this costs money. The facilities and the policing will cost us about £7,500," Alan Wickens, the treasurer, said.
"We are hoping to make about
£5,000 out of the game from
sponsorship, plus more from a raffle and selling programmes at £1.50." Littlehampton will also benefit from a fee from the television

The profit, Wickens says, will be as much as Littlehampton would expect to make during the course of the season. All Littlehampton's assets come from fund-raising the money taken at the Sportsheld's well-appointed bar goes to the umbrella body that governs and football club and the hockey and cricket teams that also use the pitches.

It was hardly surprising that chance to capitalise upon their unexpected booty. Carl Stabler, the manager, who is also a building contractor supplying industrial floors and who lives in neighbouring Rustington, left the running of the business to his partner, his brother, and took ten days off to devote himself to promoting the club and the match of its 94-year

Stabler said: "It's been amazing. I



Promoting a good cause: Carl Stabler, the Littlehampton manager, has been keen to cash in on his team's unprecedented FA Cup success

had a letter from a pensioner in East. Sussex in his 70s who used to live in Littlehampton and said his father's name was on a plaque in the pavilion. Every pub I've been into, people have come up to me and congratulated me. I've had complete strangers knocking on my door asking for tickets. Everywhere I've been, people have asked me whether they can still speak to me."

The club exploited Stabler's high profile as the man everybody in the town suddenly wanted to know by sending him out to meet the people and tap the surge of interest in the club. "It went well," Stabler said. "We managed to sell advertising space throughout the ground."

Last night, however, Stabler was



drive within his team to give Northampton the fright of their lives. They closeted themselves away from well-wishers' gaze in a hotel in Worthing. "I know two or three players will be very very nervous," Stabler said. "We stayed together and talked about the match. It was not as bad as thinking about it by yourself. This morning, we'll go off to play snooker and pool

Northampton, who have pros-

pered this season under the manage ment of Theo Foley, the former Arsenal assistant manager, on their previous visit to Sussex humiliated Brighton and Hove Albion, of the second division, in the Rumbelows Cup. Stabler watched them play Wrexham last week and identified their pace, personified by the dashing Bobby Barnes on the wing, as their main threat.

Littlehampton, however, are well-equipped to gobble up what crumbs they are offered. Their front two are Paul Bennett, who has been the leading scorer in the Sussex County League for eight of the past ten seasons, and Steve Guille, a nimble and skilful left-footed player, who scored for Bognor Regis when they beat Exeter City in the

Mark Bennett, has been in prolific scoring form from midfield. The trio have scored 45 goals between

them this season.

Nevertheless, when the dust has settled upon the Cup excitement, Stabler's ambitions will focus once more upon a prize which has long eluded the club, the Sussex County League title. "We've finished second eight times," he said.

 Aylesbury United have dismissed any suggestion of a revolt by their players before their FA Cup firstround match against Wallsall being screened live on BSB television with a 1.05pm kick-off today. The club's players had asked for a portion of the £30,000 television fee to be shared among the squad.

Stas to perform in Butcher aware of potential Beckenbauer role disaster of picking himself

ASTON Villa have fined up Ivo For the time being, while the Stas, their Czechoslovak interplayer "adapts" to his new Stat, their Czechoslovak interplayer "adapts" to his new national, to become the modern day equivalent of Franz Beckenhaur in English football undermining the confidence The former Banik Ostrava defender, aged 25, is the first out and out libero imported into the English game and looks certain from the sidelines. But Stat, himself confirmed that his best to be employed as such by himself, confirmed that his best Villa's Czechoslovak manager, position, and the role he most Jozef Venglos.

It's 24 years since

behind West Germany's World Cup triumph in Italy during the summer, first stamped his trademark on the game in the 1966 World Cup in a free-running sweeper role combined with the licence to surge out through

midfield and into attack.

Until now no English club has had the courage or wisdom to sign a ready-made foreign libero, schooled and brought up in that

role as Stas bas been.
In proudly parading his first signing since succeeding England manager Graham Taylor at land manager Graham Taytor at Villa Park, Venglos was understandably guarded yesterday about where he intends playing Stas, who all in, will cost Villa where across the back four or in midfield," Ward said.

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many years," said Stas, who played for his former club Dukla "It's been my Prague against. Manchester United in the 1983-84 European Cup Winners Cup. Since then he has won two full caps for Czechoslovalia while making over twenty appearances for the B and Olympic teams.

The official line at Villa, as offered last night by John Ward, their assistant-manager, is that he has been signed ostensibly like David Platt, as a footballer.

"We saw in our two games against Banik in the UEFA Cup,

Van Basten banned for four games by Uefa

ZURICH — The AC Milan forward, Marco van Basten, has been suspended for four games by Uefa after being sent off in the European Cup game against FC Bruges, of Belgium, last week (AFP reports).

Van Basten will miss AC Milan's next four European club games, including the Super Cup on November 29 against Sampdoria, but will be able to play in The Netherlands' European championship qualifying, match against Greece next Wednesday.

Van Basten will of the Common the League.

ITV has announced it will be screening the following first-division matches live:

December 18: League United v Everton. December 22: Aston Vita v Arsarat. December 32: Aston Vita v Arsarat. December 32: Crystal Paiscs v Liverpool. January 1: Tomonham Houspur v Manchester United.

The Newcastle United for-

Wednesday.

Peterborough United, of the fourth division, have confirmed Dave Booth as their new manager in succession to Mark Lawrenson, who resigned this

THE task of pencilling names on to a team sheet may be old but for the likes of Brian Clough.

""" and Terry land as "the only football club I had a set the only football club I had a set hat for the likes of Brian Clough, but Peter Reid and Terry Butcher are pondering the ifs and buts of selection for the first

Reid is likely to drop himself for Manchester City's visit to Luta Town today, while Butcher will be tempted to throw himself in at the deep end by marking Ian Rush, of Liverpool, at Coventry.

Liverpool, at Coventry.

Reid, who was omitted by Howard Kendall, the former City manager, for last season's trip to Kenilworth Road, said: "The plastic pitch is not my favourite surface, and I might well not play." Accordingly, he has included Mark Brennan, whose close control is among the best at City, as a possible the best at City, as a possible understudy.

have ever been in love with". The feeling was reciprocated by the Roker supporters, who watched him score an average of As the new player-managers of Manchester City and Coventry City, their Saturday routines will be complicated by the question of whether to pick whereaster City and Coventry City, their Saturday routines will be complicated by the question of whether to pick whereaster city and Coventry City of the country of the city of the city

> That he did not was down to the myopia of a Sunderland board that rebuffled several ap-proaches from him. Instead, Nottingham Forest benefited from his unique brand of leader-ship, and this afternoon they enterain a Wearside team desperately seeking a first away win

of the season. Clough will not be the only old boy on view — Peter Davenport, the Sunderland forward, is returning to the ground where he began his career before an ill-starred move to Manchester United. United will aim to recover

understudy.

Butcher, who has yet to master bland "manager-speak", honestly conceded that "select-

United, who have still to win in the first division, at Old The FA deducted two points

The FA deducted two points from Arsenal, and George Graham's players will vent their frustration against Southampton at Highbury. If Graham can get things right on the left flank, catching Liverpool in the championship could be a more realistic terror. realistic target.
As Graham said: "Anders

us on the left, and we would be some force with a top-form David Rocastle on the left." Rocastle has been out of sorts and omitted of late, but he and omitted of late, but he returns to the squad today with Graham's words ringing in his ears: "Prove you can be as good as two years ago, and we will still give Liverpool a race."

Tottenham Hotspur have not control themselves out of title

counted themselves out of title contention, and intend to underscore their intent with a victory at Everten tomorrow. Kendall will be equally determined to gain his first win in a second period in charge at second period in charge at Goodison Park, and could achieve that by having Paul Gascoigne man-marked.

WEEKEND TEAM NEWS

First division Arsenal v Southampton Rocastle returns to the Arsenal squad. Moore and Rideout have been passed fit to start for Southarmoon, who could recall Cocterfit in midfield. Coventry v Liverpool Butcher, Coventry's new player-manager, includes himself in the squad. Barnes (hamstring) faces a late fitness test for

Leeds v Derby Leeds field the side which best Manchester City last Sunday. Sage (harnstring) faces a late fitness test for Derby. Luton v Man City Luton are unattered for the fifth consecutive time. Reid, the City player-manager, drops himself, and adds Brennen to the squad.

Man Utd v Sheff Utd Manchester are unaltered.
Jones (calf) faces a late fitness test
for Sheffield, who are again
without the injured Hill and Agana. Norwich v Aston Villa

Norwich are unchanged for the fifth successive time. McGrath (knee) faces a late fitness test for Villa; Comyn stands by. Nott'm Forest v Sun land Hodge is fit and expected to return to the Forest midfield, but Pearce (arkide) faces a late fitness test. Norman is restored to fitness and takes over from Carter in the Sunderand goal.

OPR v Crystal Palace Steiskel could lose his place in the QPR goal to Roberts. Wilson may be recalled in defence. Palace are likely to be unchanged.

Wimbledon v Chelsea Phetan, Barton and Pashanu all face late fitness tests for

Second division Shef Wed v Swindon Francis is expected to return to the Wednesday forward line. Lorenzo has overcome work permit problems and starts for Swindon.

West Ham V Brighton Sleter could return for West Ham, Brighton are unchanged.

Everton v Tottenham Snodin, Whiteside and Sharp are included in a 16-strong Ever squad. Watson (suspended) is absent.

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Protest by Dagenham supporters

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL by Walter Gammie

NORMAN Sparrow, the chairman of Dagenham, admits that his club has been talking to Redbridge Forest, tenants at their Victoria Road ground, about the possibility of a merger between the two Vauxhall League premier division clubs. He denies, however, allegations made by Ian Levene, a

Dagenham supporter, that the club is trying to ride roughshod over its supporters' interest. Levene handed out leaflets en-titled "Give us the truth, Sparrow" at a match against Collier Row on Monday.

Sparrow said: "The position is that both clubs have agreed to investigate a possibility of a merger and to that end a joint

working committee has been set up. Two meetings have been held and various aspects rele-vant to such a merger have been discussed." Both are members' clubs and Sparrow says they will have to report any proposals back to the membership. He admits sympathy for Redbridge Forest's problems after the sale of their previous home, the Walthamstow Avenue ground. Sparrow said: "I realise they obtained a sum of money from

Walthamstow Avenue and that building costs and land costs are still rising. They are still investigating the prospect of relocating but it is not as easy as people think to find a green-field

site to develop.

"Quite hooestly, there's nothing to report. That's what I keep telling people and no one believes me."

Levene said in his leaflet that not only are we left completely in the dark over what is happen-ing about the merger, we now find that nobody can join the club as a full member". Sparrow says he has received applications for membership from Levene and "some other people". He says they will be informed of the outcome of their applications in the next

YACHTING

A warning to challengers from Dickson

CHRIS Dickson, the world match-racing champion, re-mains in supreme form 11 days before he has to defend his title on the home waters of Auckland Harbour (Bob Ross writes).

Dickson, who is working in Japan with the Nippon Chall-enge, an America's Cup syndicate, yesterday completed the round-robin elimination series of the Nippon Cup, off Hayama Marina YC, with a perfect record of seven wins.
Peter Gilmour, of Australia,

who won all four of his races on the previous day, lost yesterday to Dickson and Lawrence Mead, of Hong Kong, but defeated Makoto Namba, of Japan, to go into the semi-finals in second place with five wins.

Eddie Warden Owen, of
Britain, who scored three wins,
missed out on a semi-final place

when he lost a countback.

On Botany Bay, Sydney, the America's Cup-winning skipper, Dennis Conner, of San Diego, who arrived only the previous day, won the first race of the New South Wales championship for the three-person Etchells 22 class.

West Indies' pace bowlers struggle after early success

PAKISTAN were hauled out of As soon as anyone in the West trouble in the first Test match here yesterday by Salim Malik and Shoaib Mohammad, who came together when their side were 27 for three in reply to a West Indies total of 261, and had added an unbroken 144 by close of play.

It was a good tactical battle never dull, despite being intrinsically attritional. Being the son of Hansf, Shouth is endowed with infinite patience. It was against West Indies, in Bar-bados in 1957-8, that Hann's scored 337 in 16hr 10min, the longest innings played in first-

Here in Karachi a month ago, Shozib batted for just under 11 hours while making 203 not out against New Zealand, Yes-terday, he had been in for 4hr 35min for his 48 when had light stopped play with seven overs

His concentration was a foil His concentration was a foil for Salim Malik's more cavalier approach. Even on this pitch, Malik managed to throw the bat at the patch of the ball and still keep it on the ground. Only someone with a touch of genius could have attempted this so often without spooning a catch. He did it as soon as he came. He did it as soon as he came in, although by then West Indies had got up a threatening head of steam. Malik is adept, too, at working the ball around. He keeps the scoreboard moving in distinctively casual way.

How best to use four fast bowlers on so turgid a pitch was the problem confronting the West Indians, and they had obviously given it much thought. There was no earthly point in bowling bouncers, so they didn't. Whereas in the last Test match they played, against England in Antigua last April, they would at times have had five slips and a gully, now, for all but a very few overs, they had only one slip and no gully.

Immediately after lunch, when Pakistan were a quivering 56 for three, Marshall's field was one slip, a deep third man, a square cover, a deepish extra, a deep mid-off, a deepish wide mid-on, a mid-wicket, a deep square leg and a long leg. From the other end, Walsh's was almost identical. For Shoaib, Haynes would bring in a short leg or silly mid-off, sometimes both. The

off, sometimes both. The keeness and attention Haynes showed as captain brought an eager response in the field. The West Indian plan was to pitch the ball fairly well up, bowl straight and hope for batting misjudgments; and but for Salim Malik, it would, I fancy, have worked. In the end, though, their lack of variety in bowling found them out.

ever to have taken 300 Test wickets. Although white-haired and 56. Gibbs is lean and fit, and to most of the West Indians his bowling in the nets is said to have been a revelation. Some of first time what is meant by

the fast bowling was provided by Hooper's gentle off breaks. He was brought on after tea when only 70 minutes were left before the shadows would cross the pitch and 32 overs remained of the 72 which are meant to be howled in the five-and-a-half

In Australia earlier this year, Pakistan struggled in the Test matches, largely because of their inability to find a successful opening pair. Now, again, Ramiz was out to his first ball, edging an intended drive into

his stumps.
In the seventh over, Zahid
Fazal, pushing forward, cocked
Ambrose to short keg, and in the
tenth Miandad was caught at the wicket, wildly pursuing an outswinger. If, in the circum-stances, Miandad's stroke was the least admirable of the day, young Zahid had played just about the best, a cover drive off

In the only other innings I say side at Northampton last sumover the pavilion. Since then he has been to Zimbabwe with the Pakistan A team.

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Yorkshire's farewell

Searby writes).

gave thanks for the life of England's first professional cricket captain who died in September at the age of 74.

MANY leading players of the patron of the county club, and post-war era gathered to pay the address was given by the the tribute to Sir Leonard Hutton at a memorial service in York Minster yesterday (Martin Sanka Hutser) nation turned on its radios "full figure carrying our hopes in

Australia."
Bishop Sheppard said: "I saw him at the Test against India this summer at Lord's and his The service, televised live blue eyes were shining as across Yorkshire, was attended brightly as ever and his warmth by the Duchess of Kent, the was as benign."

BBC seeks sanity in the boardroom

I WAS convinced long, long ago that when otherwise responsible, sensible, clear-thinking businessmen walked through the front door of a football club, through the boardroom win-dow. While recent events at Tottenham Hotspur have done little to dispel this belief, the BBC has been seeking other

signs that business sanity is spreading throughout the nation's football clubs.

Sportsnight (on Wednesday, 10pm) considers how some chairmen are revising their business. ness structures and questions why they take on such a headache in the first place. What emerges is that most club chair-man are supporters at heart. Ron Noades ran his first football team at 11 years of age in a London park, and he admits that there has not been a moment since when he has not in charge of one. He took over Southall, of the Isthmian League, and saw them promoted within two years; he trans-formed Wimbledon from a Southern League club into a Football League success story; and he has now put Crystal Palace among the first division

pace-setters.
When Newcastle United supporters were recently encouraged to buy shares in the club, there was one guarantee—they would not grow rich. Nobody ever does, according to water to buy a pair of legs. That

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stayed in property, made a

fortune and then become a benefactor to the club. However, he says: "The trouble is that when benefactors pull out, clubs tend to collapse. be a benefactor to several clubs, warned that, compared with Italian stadiums, many of our grounds are "pig sties". "If the grounds are "pig sties". "If the game is to survive at all, it will require anything between £600 million and £1 billion invested in the stadia," And where, asks the Derby chairman on Sportsnight, is such money to be

Not from Aldershot. Colin Hancock, the chairman of Aldershot, knows that clubs like his, 91st in the Football League, should work to a budget, but he says: "You have a few points, a few injuries and players threatened with suspension: someone suggests so-and-so is available and you can have him for £25 Noades, who sometimes won-ders whether he should have is irrational and illogical . . . but you do it because it is football."

THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY: Aylesbury make FA Cup history—theirs is the first game of the first round to be shown live on television (BSB, 1pm). They are home to Walsall, BBC1 has first-round highlights in Match of the Day (11.05pm). TOMORROW: Live tootball from Liverpool and boxing from Birmingham on ITV: "The Match" (at 2.55pm) testures Eventon against Tottenham Hotspur, and at 10.35pm, Chris Eubank will find out if he really is "a ring-master" and Nigel Benn really is "the coward" in their WBO middleweight contest. MORDAY: The British flag has been pulled down and the Aussies cable MCC to say that our cricket tacks are unsportsmanike. In the fifth and concluding part of "Bodyline", England go from 2-1 to 4-1 to win the Ashes. Cricket "soap" it may be, but it is worth watching (Sky1, 8pm). TUESDAY: An all-Yorkshire tie in the Zenith Data Systems Cup between Middlesbrough and Hull can be seen live on Sky1 (7.30pm) and BSB teature the Miami Dolphins against the Los Angeles Raiders in their two-nour NFL

the Miami Dolphins against the Los Angeles Raiders in their two-nour NFL show (8pm).

WEDNESDAY: Eurosport has the \$1 million World Cup golf tournament from Orlando (8pm), almost as it happens, and 88C1 has Sponsnigm with FA Cup replays, their lootball business feature and a preview of the Asnes cricket senes (88C1, 10pm).

THURSDAY: There is a new cricket club called "The TDTS". If you TURN DOWN THE SOUND as you watch England challenge for the Asnes against Australia, thus missing the commentary of Geoff Soycott, you become an honorary member automatically. (Sky1 from 11.30pm, first ball at midnight, plus a 30-minute round-up of the day's play at 7am on Friday morning).

FRIDAY: Live golf from Orlando on Eurosport (7-8.30pm) before the second day of the first Test in Brisbane begins in Sky1 (from 11 pm with highlights at 7am).

IN BRIEF Sydney is

selected THE Australian Olympic Committee has endorsed Sydney as its bid city for the Olympics of the year 2000.

Kevan Gosper, acting as chairman at his last meeting as national Olympic Committee.

president, said Sydney won out over presentations by Melbourne and Brisbane. The International Equestrian
Federation yesterday gave its
backing to Barcelona's hopes of
staging the 1992 Olympic show jumping events. The city had been threatened with losing the equestrian events because of African horse disease. SNOOKER: Cliff Thorburn, the

former world champion, has been forced to withdraw from the £445,000 StormSeal UK championship as he is recovering from an operation to remove

BASKETBALL

CRICKET SHEFFELD SHIELD: New South Water 178 (I) Floring 5-50; Victoris 36-2 (at Melbourns). South Australia: 188 (P) Red 5-49; Western Australia 75-0 (at Adelance).

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NEW YORK: Virginia Silva championable: Comfordinate: M. J. Fornandez (US) bt M. Maleova (Switz), 6-2, 6-4; M. Svibe (Yug) bt A. Schotza Vicario (Sp), 5-7, 7-5, 6-4. Decimies: Speci-Seal: K. Jorden (US) and L. Sinyile (Aus) jt K. Ademis and L. McNed (US), 6-1, 8-4.

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Brave Davies and Nicholas spare European blushes

ORLANDO, FLORIDA

LAURA Davies and Alison Nicholas spared Europe the embarrassment of being whitewashed with a coursgeous victory that restricted the United States to a 3-1 lead after the opening foursomes in the Solheim Cup on the Lake Total yardage: 6.338 Nona course here yesterday.

came Pat Bradley and Nancy with a seven iron from 114 Lopez 2 and 1, although there yards to three feet. Davies was precious little else for holed for the winning birdie Europe to celebrate. Indeed, and the two British golfers not one of the other foursomes celebrated in American-style managed to win a single hole, with a high-five. let alone a match. Wicholas co

them in the fourballs now to tain the equilibrium at the make a match of it," Davies said. "We knew it would be tough and everyone now knows how well they are going to have to score to beat the Americans. I must admit I was authoritative, which showed so nervous over the opening at the 6th, when she chipped holes that I could hardly get the club back, but Alison kept of another win, this time from us together as a partnership. There was a suspicion of

apprehension on the part of the Americans before the first from five feet. match began. "This is like waiting for the shuttle to go up," Bradley said. It showed: sound approach from Nicho-Bradley, who has won more las when she missed from ten money than any other woman golfer, struck a nervous first drive, although Davies did little better by pushing a three wood into a bunker.

The hole was halved, but Europe went one up at the 2nd, in spite of Davies again putting her parmer in a bunker. Nicholas struck a marvel-

DAVID Baker, Britain's cyclo-

cross champion, who overcame two punctures in the first six

minutes of a race in France earlier in the week but fought back to a clear-cut victory, splits his efforts this weekend in South

Wales (Peter Bryan writes).

Today he rides cyclo-cross again

at Abergavenny and tomorrow

the Welsh open championship.

Baker, a new recruit to the Raleigh professional stable, will be missing a challenge from his

team colleague, Steve Douce, whom he beat convincingly in

to his mountain bike for

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Davies and Nicholas over- lous recovery from the sand yards to three feet. Davies

Nicholas courageously 'We will have to get after holed from six feet to mainnext. Then she struck an excellent nine iron from 108 yards to eight feet at the 5th, but Davies misread the putt. Bradley still looked less than short. Davies had the chance ten feet, but she missed and Lonez saved the situation for the United States by holing

> Davies failed once more to take advantage of another feet at the 7th hole. Then, at the 8th, Lopez, who had been keeping the American pair together, made a putt of 22 feet for a winning birdie.
> At the 12th, Davies hit a

Harlow a fortnight ago. Douce has decided to concentrate on

cyclo-cross this winter rather

than mix his racing programme

Baker appears to thrive at both disciplines and says that he

has no special preference for

either. "Whichever I am doing helps to dispel any boredom with the other," he said. Moun-

tain bike racing, which can arract entries of 500, is cycling's

fastest-growing section, dome tically and internationally.

CYCLING

Baker splits two ways

the next where Davies chipped dead from 60 feet. Pam Wright and Lisolotte Neumann were the first to succumb. They looked ill at ease from the beginning against Cathy Gerring and Dottie Mochrie, to whom they

lost 6 and 5.

Dale Reid and Helen Alfredsson, the British Women's Open champion, likewise lost 6 and 5 against Patty Sheehan and Rosie Jones. Sheehan highlighted the round with a glorious tee shot at the 6th that finished one foot from the hole. There was some joy there for Europe because Reid holed from 25 feet for a half. Nevertheless, the Americans were in complete control and they were four under when the match

ended on the 13th green.

Fate swung cruelly against Trish Johnson and Maria-Laure de Lorenzi as early as the 1st hole against Beth Daniel and Betsy King, to whom they lost 5 and 4. There, Lorenzi's approach came to rest ten feet from the cup. Daniel, however, holed from 18 feet for a birdie and Johnson missed. King strengthened the American position with a tee shot to two inches at the sixth. Johnson and de Lorenzi remained in touch until they lost both the 10th and 11th to pars.

RESULTS: Fournemen (US nerroe first): At the 12th, Davies hit a seven iron to six feet from where Nicholas holed for a winning birdie. Europe went two up with a solid par at the

SNOOKER

Hendry in protest at offer to

Higgins

STEPHEN Hendry, the world champion, yesterday withdrew from snooker's richest tour-nament, the £1 million Sky World Masters next January, in protest at a wild-card invitation to Alex Historica

to Alex Higgins.
Higgins is barred all season from World Professional Bil from World Professional Bil-liards and Snooker Association (WPBSA) events. As the Mas-ters does not come under WPBSA jurisdiction the pro-moter, Barry Hearn, a WPBSA director, has carte blanche over

Hendry, who today begins his defence of the United Kingdom championship in Preston, considers the offer to Higgins flies in the face of authority. "The WPBSA has provided the vehicle for my grocess and the hicle for my success and the decision to ban Higgins has been totally ignored by Barry Hearn and Sky," he said.

"As far as I'm concerned

neither promoters nor television should be inviting to play one who has been ba by the world body. I have long admired Higgins's genius on the table, but a ban is a ban. My responsibility is to my fellow professionals and my associa-tion."

Hendry is managed by Ian Doyle, whose six other players will decide this weekend whether to follow suit. John Spencer, the three times former world champion and WPBSA chairman, has already with-drawn. Doyle said: "The decision by Barry and Sky completely undermines the authority of the WPBSA, and the fact that Barry sits on the board makes the decision even more

extraordinary."

Hearn said: "I will be sorry not to see Hendry there, but I don't think he's thought this ecision through. As far as Alex Higgins is concerned I agreed with the decision to ban him from WPBSA tournaments, but this is an invitation tournament. Why should a man be punished twice for the same offence?"

ATHLETICS

Kenyans at strength

BOLBEC, France — The British entry in the first of the mangural IAAF World Cross Challenge meetings, which takes place here tomorrow, includes both the tomorrow, includes both the men's and women's English national champions, Richard Nerurkar and Andrea Whitcombe (a Special Correspondent writes). Adrian Passy and Andrea Wallace, the world cross-country trials-winners, are also in the teams.

However, prize-money that totals more than £50,000 over the 11-race series, which con-cludes with the world cham-

pionships at Antwerp on March 24, has also attracted a high-

The world champions. Kenya, have a particularly power-ful line-up headed by William Mutwol, one of the world's leading steeplechasers, Boniface Merande, and the world junior 10,000 metres champion, Richard Chelimo.

The women's race should be between the world championship runner-up, Marla Dias, of Portugal, and Iulia Negura, of Romania, who won the world Romania, who won the world 15km road race title last month. Morley Street goes chasing after classy Ascot hurdle victory



Broad Beam and his rider Chris Maude were unscathed after a crashing fall at Ascot yesterday

Wyatt defends state of course

TRAINERS who have refused to run their horses at Ascor's November meeting because of the state of the ground received short shrift yesterday from jock-eys and a racecourse expert. Neil Wyatt, senior investi-

gator of racecourses, visited the Berkshire track following scath-ing attacks on its condition by David Nicholson and Charlie Brooks who pulled out all 12 intended rouners, and an of-ficial complaint lodged by the National Trainers Federation. "I think it looks very well," said Wyatt. "There is a very

good sward of grass." Trainers' fears about running horses on ground they consider noises on ground they consider too firm or without sufficient grass resulted yesterday in only 26 horses contesting aix races with £64,000 added mize-money. Today, 34 horses will be chasing £81,000 of added prizemoney — which is a great disappointment for spousors

and the Ascot authority. Wyatt took the unusual step of publicly defending the state of the course following the vociferous criticism. "I walked the course before racing and it was good to firm ground. Following the first race, I asked Mark Perrett, Jimmy Frost, Gary Moore and Brendan Powell and they thought it was good to firm

The exceptionally hot sum-mer and the limited watering

being allowed to use French-style penetrometers to provide was watered only spasmodically during the first half of the Flat season, but water was applied for 53 consecutive days after the July meeting. "They also re-seeded the whole jumpcourse ecause we were concerned that the grass might have died. In fact, following what happened on other courses that was not case, but Ascot thought it could not afford to take the risk.

Therefore, there is a lot of young grass at the moment but I think there is a very good sward. It is the intention of Ascot to upgrade the watering system so both courses can be watered simultaneously if we get another year like 1976 or 1990. "I feel Ascot did everything in

Wyatt said.

their power that they were able to do," Wyart concluded.

The strength of criticism has angered Nicky Besumont, the cierk of the course at Ascot, and his staff. "To say Ascot doesn't care and there is no covering of grass is grossly unfair and very upsetting to the ground staff.

"We are all in this together and we all have racing's interests at heart. To have these remarks banded about does not do any good to anyone. It makes everybody look stupid. It is implied that I have been lying and no work has been done on the course. It is grossly unfair but I won't get involved in a slanging match with trainers."

assessments of ground con-ditions. The Jockey Club will hold a meeting next mouth to discuss the results of tests carried out with a going meter used at Kempton, Sandown, Epsom and selected Scottish courses over the past eight The instrument, developed by

the Centre for Sports Technology, is similar to its French equivalent, but provides a dig-ital read-out of the prevailing ground. Initial tests showed the instrument did not register the difference between good and soft ground sufficiently well. Yesterday's farcical fields,

including a trio of three-horse races, resulted in a dismal crowd but the 3,304 spectators who made the effort saw Moriey Street, recent winner of the £77,000 Breeders' Cup Chase in the United States, turn into a performance oozing with class. Returning to the smaller obstacles in the Racecall Ascot Hurdle, Morley Street was giving 10lb to his four rivals, but

barely came off the bridle as he cruised past the long-time leader has matured since last year when he was a bit of a playboy," said Toby Balding.

Morley Street will now revert to fences at Worcester on December 3 and Kempton on

Boxing Day, before Balding attmepts to win the Mumm Cordon Rouge triple crown and a £50,000 bonus. The prize is on offer to any horse which wins the three top novice chases during the season. the Reynoldstown at Ascot, the Sun lliance at Cheltenham and the Mumm Club at Aintree.

Mr Frisk gained a bloodless victory to win the Punch Bowl Amateur Riders' Handicap Chase for the third successive year, and provide an early present for his owner, Mrs Lois Duffy, who returns to Maryland to celebrate her eightieth birthday next week. The Grand National winner picked up a 5th penalty for next Saturday's Hemnessy Gold Cup as only two of the horses completed the race.

Mrs Sue Smith, wife of the showjumper Harvey Smith, is a first-season permit holder with eight horses, and gained her first victory with African Safari in the Hurst Park Novices' Chase.

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Racing next week MONDAY: Windsor, Leicester, Ban-

TUESDAY: Wetherby, Wolverhamp-ton, Southwell (AW). WEDNESDAY: Haydock Park, Plumpton, Kelso. THURSDAY: Haydock Park, Wince ton, Ludiow, Lingfield Park (AW). FRIDAY: Newbury, Sedgefield, Leic-

SATURDAY: Newbury, Newcastle Towcester, Market Rasen. (Flat meetings in boid)

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

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Darlington v York. Exeter v Cambridg

. Orient v Southend.

Littlehampton v Northampton (all ticket, 2.0)..... Maidstone v Torquev.

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HFS LOANS LEAGUE CUP: First round: Newtown v Raddiffs. Second round: Banger City v Mossley: Bridlington Town v Goole: Budon v Gainsborough; Curzon

Notim Forest v Sunderland . QPR v C Palace Second division

nerfor.

BEAZER HONES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bashley v VS Rugby; Bromsgrove
v Weeldstone; Crawley v Cambridge;
Dover v Winterloowlide; discussion v Dorchester; Gravesend v Burton; Poole v
Rushden; Weymouth v Worcester; filltend divelen; Alvechurch v Nanceton
Borough; Berry v Dudley; Bridgeorth v
Strouch Corby v Southridge; Granthem v
Bilston; Hednesford v Wings Lyric;
Lelosster; Idr v Bedworth; RC Warwick v
Sutton. Coldifield; Redditch v Hincidey;
Willenhal v Spalding. Boulters divisions;
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Volumbile; Folicestone v Baldock; Gorport Borough v Andower, Margale v

3.0 unless stated FA Cup

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TOUR MATCH: Widnes v Australia. REGAL. TROPHY: Preliationry reced: Carliste v Watefield (1.0); Leeds v Halifox; Sheffield v Bractions (3.15). snemen v Bradford (3.15).
STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First divisios: Castleford v Oldham (3.30); Hull v Warrington (3.15); Rochdale v Hull KR. Second divisios: Barrow v Trafford; Keighley v Denessier (3.15); Notingham v Leigh; Rumcorn v Safford; Ryedale-York v Wortdigson (3.15); Swinton v Fuham; Whitelspren v Hunslet (3.30).

POUNDSTRETCHER NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: East Grinsteed v Browley; Steupport v Cesnock; Welton St Albers, Becond division: Bournelle v

Barclays League

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BASKETBALL

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Leyland Dai; Bacup Borough v Vauntali
GM (2.0); Darwan v Knowskey (2.0);
Essbeccd Hantley v Fibdon (2.0); Maine
Road v Nantwich (2.0); Sallord v Perritt;
Sielmersdale v Ashton United (2.0); St
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Chadderton (0) (2.0).

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B and Q Scottish League

ICE HOCKEY

ROYAL SANK NATIONAL LEAGUE: Women: First division: G.P.Scorpions v Atzuno Brizannie (1.45); Woolwich Briston (Inghtz v Hilton Laeds (1.30); Southgets v Letaland (11.30); Ashcombe Sabre Dorlding v Sov Leasing Sale (2.30).

Forfar v Ayr Uto Hemilton v Falkrk Kilmarnock v Meadowbank

wrate/Y MBLS LEAGUE: Prenter di-vision: Sernstepte v Plymouth Arg. Bristol Manor Farm v Frome; Clevedon v Chippenheze, Devision v Mangotsfield; Ottary St Mary v Eurocuth; Paulton v Cherd; Taunton v Weston super Mare: Tomington v Radistock.

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MACCIS WELSH LEAGUE: National divisions of Newport IOW v Bury; Salabury v Cantarbury.

Cantarbury.

**JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES

**LEAGUE: Premier divisions Bransham Athetic v Febratowe; Great Yarmouth v Waton; Heverin's Loweston; Histon v Gorieston; Stowmarket v Corrard; Tiptee v Theofort: Watbech v Newmarket, Woodam v March.

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Second division Bedford v Sale Section V Sass
Headingley v Gosfrith (2.30)
Lirish v Blackheath (2.30)
Plymouth A v Waterloo (2.30)
Richmond v L Scottish (2.30)
Wakefield v Coventry (2.30)

Clifton v Exeter (2.30) ... Lydney v Askeens......

Fourth division north

Fourth division south Ealing v Havant (2.30)

L Weish v Chetterham (2.30)

Meidenhead v N Walsham (2.45)

Maidstone v Camborne (2.30)

Radruth v Weston s Mare

Southend v Basingstoke (2.45)

Club matches Aberavon v Pontypool
Abertiflery v Tredegar
Cambridge Univ v Nottingham (2.30)
Cross Keys v Pontypridd
Ebbw Vale v Neath

IRELAND: Uteter: Senior League: City of Derry v Academy; Ards v Dangarmon; Arnagh v Pornadowr; Queens University v Collegiens, Leinster: Senior League: Blackrock College v University College Dublin; Cionser! v Old Senior League: Dublin University. Musster: Senior League: Old Crescent v Highfield; Watsrpark v. University College Cork. Junior Inter-Provincial: Munster v Lein-ster (Traise); Connecht v. Ulster (Westport).

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Counage Clobe Championship: London: First di-vision: Chastmant v Old Mid-Whitefrians; Old Allaynians v US Portamouth: Sidoup v Thurrock; Streathern and Croydon v Old Clobe Chemptonehipt Lendott Print avision: Chesharit v Old Alid-Milighilans;
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Thurrock; Streathers and Croydon v Old
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division south: Camberley v Eshar;
Guidiord and Godsiming v Durtfordians;
Old Colfeians v Gravesend; Westcombe
Perk v Old Brockelans; Worthing v
Turbridgs Wells. Third division morth
east: Enrytwood v Westciff; Cantabringian
v Old Edwardians; Colchester v Romford
and Gilden Peric Harlow v West Norfolic,
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division senth west: Fullerians v Grasshoppers; Klospburisns v Upper Clapton;
Mill Hill v St. Nery's Hospital; Ustratige v
Horstant; Hove v Gillingham A; Old
Beccelumbers v Bognor; Old Juddan v
Charlon Paric, Park Rouse v Beckenham.
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Whightisns; Easteigh v Old Emanuet;
KCS Old Boys v, Guy's Hospital; Clo Stues
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Lonsbury; Old Medonians v Lendon
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Bealidon; Raddridge v Bury St Edmunds;
Sheltord v Crussalans; Woodbridge v
Metropolitin Police Chignell. BADBRHTON: Royal Bank Inter-county chemologistics Worresterative v North Strathcyto (Broussgrove, 1230).
FENCENCE Eden Cup (Elephant andste Laleure Centre, London).
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Gala v Currie Hawick v Boroughmuir. Selikirk v Edinburgh Acads .

Stirling Co v Edinburgh Whars.... Second division

Garnott; Duna v Irvine.

MIDLANDS: Courage Clube Chaespeansher First division: Mansfield v Sutton Coldinid; Newark v Certp Hill; Stockwood Park v Derby; Towcestrians v Leighton Suzzard; Westeigh v Barfor Butts. Second division east: Chesterfield v Moderns; Kottering v Lincoin; Peterborough v Scamftorpe; Syston v Biggleswade; Vipors v Streamers and Lioyds. Second division weet: Burton v Learnington: Kerestey v Bednorth; Old Yardiolans v Newtold; Wohenhampton v Dudley; Worosetar v Stafford. East little-lands-Lelcester: Beigrare v Aylestone St. James; Coehille v Long Buckby; Lunon v Bedford Athible; Northampton Tiralty v Ampthil: Wellingborough v Lutterworth. Hottinghamshare, Lincoteathre and Derbyshire: Flart division: East Retford v Steaford; Kasteven v Glossop; Mellieh v Amber Valley; Spetding v Nottingham

Welch; Old Lear Old Longtonian Tamworth. Old Longisolens v Leek; Utometer v Turworth.

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All Ireland League First division

Constitution v Shannon Garryowen v Malone ... St Mary's Co v Ballym Wanderers v Lansdow

Athlone v Terenure CIYMS v Sundays Well... NIFC v Bangor Old Wesley v Corinthians Young Munstr v Greystones SOUTH WEST: Courage Clabs Champ-ionable: First division: Gordon League v High Wycombe: Reacing v Bridmen; Salisbury v Matson; St Ives v Berry Hit; Taunton v Torquey, Secend division: Claderford v Berbury; Henley v Abbey; Marlow v Bournemoutt; Oxford v Recingensiens; Pernyn v Barnsteple. Western Counties: Combe Down v Old Champenders.

Chilliam v Bietchier, Grove v Stought Sherborne v Bracknett Swanage and Wareham v Aylaebury; Swindon v Windson. Cerawali and Devoic Devonport Services v Devon and Cornwell Police, Europath v Teignanuaft; Hayle v Bideford; Biogan Park v Craditor: Plymouth CS v Exiter Seracers. Commell: First division: Listeard Loce v Februouth; Seltash v Stiffens; St Agnes v Roseland; St Austell v Bodmin; Wadebridge v Bude. Devoice Pleas divisions; St Agnes v Roseland; St Austell v Bodmin; Wadebridge v Bude. Devoice Pleas divisions; States v Indiana. Park of Technicians v Birscombe; Plymouth Argustin v Paligntor; Topstem v Califoropton. Gloucester-Semenast Drybtook v Coney Rist. Frome v Chenostat; Reynsham v Dings Crusadars; Ridsomer Morton v Clove; Spartnars v Whiteful. Gloucestershire Piret division: Chellenham North v Ashley Down; Gloucester Old Boys v North Bristot; Longievers v Seintbridge; Old Pataslana v Bream; St Many's Old Boys v Whiteful Old Boys. Somecoet: First division: Minetale Piret division: Whelscombe v Old Reddiffers. Bertstein, Devoit and Whitefule; City Spartnar v Woot of Cold Boys v Patron; Whelscombe v Old Reddiffers. Bertsteine, Devoit and Whitefule; City Spartnars or Public Chellians. Bertsteine, Devoit Dorset. Bucklaghamphire and Oxfordathine First division: Orifers v Codoet Old Soys: Littlemore v Didcot; Milton Keynes v Beaconsfield; Olovy v Pennantars; Wheeliny v Chinnot.

RUGBY LEAGUE

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REGAL TROPHY: Preliminary round:
Dudley Hill v Dewsbury (2.15);
Saddleworth v Egremont (2.30);
STOKES BITTER CHAMPIONSKIP: First
division: Wigns v Featherstone (2.46);
SLALON LAGER ALLIANCE: Second
division: Barrow v Trafford B; Batley v
Carlsle; Doncaster v Keighley; Fultum v
Swinton; Hunslet v Wintehaven;
Workington T v Ryedale-York (all 2.30pm).

Today

AMERICAN FOOTBAL: Screensport 10.00-12.00, 14.00-16.00 and 21.00-00.45: College matches: Neviews, and coverage of Notre Deme v Perm State. BOSSLEIGH: Eurosport 12.30-18.30 (see Eurosport Saturday): World Chemplonships from St Moriz. BOXING: Eurosport 21.45-22.45 (see Eurosport Saturday): The European Chemplonships from Vienna. Chemplonships from Vienna.

EUROSPORT ANTHRIANY: Eurosport 12:30-19.00: Tennis: The Dutch indoor championships; Diving: The European Chempionships from Vienna; Bobsieigh: World Championships from St Morkz.

POOTBALL: 888 13:00-18:00 and 29:00-mioright (with sensity FA Cup.

GOLF: Screensport 07:00-09:00: The Kapaka Intermationships from Haweii.

GRANDSTAND: BBC1 12:15-17:00: Rugby Union; Bartsrians v Argentina from Carott: Swirming: TSB National Winter Chempionships; Footbalt: FA Cup first round: Religing: Chellenge event from the late of Marr. Racing: 1.0, 1.30 and 2.05 from Accot.

ICE HOCKEY: Screensport 18:00-20:00: National Hockey League.

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University v Suthilion; Duhvich v Oxford
University; London University v Hampsteact; Old Kingstonians v Purley; TulsaHEI v Cheam; Weybridge v Winbiedon.
NORWICH UniON EAST LEAGUE: Premiler division: Bary St Edmunds v
Wisbect; Cembridge Normads v Bedford;
Crostyx v Westolff; Harleston Magpies v
Blusharts; pawich v Ford; Norwich City v
Chelmstord; Policans v Colchester.

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ERNST AND YOUNG MIDLANDS
LEAGUE: Pressier divisions surford Tigera v Beeston; Belper v Leicasser
Westelott, John Player v Covenby and
North Warwicks; Olion and West Werwicks v Bloxwich.
AW YARMS NORTH PREMIER LEAGUE:
Bowdon v Stooldon; Durham University v
Alderley Edge; Hightown-Northern v
Brooklands; Liverpool Sefton v Tynemouth Norton v Forroby; Presson v Ben
Rhydding; Remgarits v Useley.
MTIM NORTH EAST LEAGUE: Pressier
division: Sunderland v Menton Furness;
Cartisle v St. George's; Bellegham v Steams v Lenngari; Swalever v lyneade. TIPP-EX YORKSHIPE LEAGUE: Presider division: Brigg. v Bradford; Grinsby v Appleby Frodlinghasi; Rozas v Chepatowir, Hallax v Driffeld; York CS Trojans v Huddersfield; Faratey v Bardesy, Adel v Herrogate; Shaffield Benkers v York; Rothertsam v Lincoln. Barkers v York; Rodsettem v Lincoln.
HALPERN AND WOOLF NORTH WEST
LEAGUE: Cheethern Hill v Oxfor;
Krutsford v Blackburn; Macclesfield v
Present; Menchester v Northop Heit,
Menchester YNCA v Wiger; Southport v
Deenide Remblers; Springfields v Sale;
West Derby v Chester.
SUN LIFE WEST. LEAGUE: Premier
divisies: Bait Bucos v Exster University;
Cievedon v Exeter Criciotets: Gioucester v
Hereford; Other Valla v Bridgester; Plymouth v West Gioucester; Swindon v
Marborough; Westbury v Chettenhem.
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Park, University of Essex): Cambridgeshire v Norfolk (10.0): Cambridge(13.0): Kent v Lincolnshire (11.30):
Lincolnshire v Essex v Herdortsbire
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Lincolnshire v Essex (17.30): Norfolk v
Kent (16.0). Widelander Finals: (at Coventry
School, Norman Pisca Road: Bedfordshire v
Worcestershire; Defordshire v
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SPORT ON TV RACINIC: B88 12.00-12.30 and 00.3001.00 (comomow): Racing news.
RESULTS SERVICES RV 18.45-17.00.

SARIT AND GREAVSIE: ITV 13.10-13.40.
SPORTSDESK: B88 16.00-18.00 and 20.00micright (with Footbell: The ATP World Tour Championship. Eurosport 22.4500.30 (see Eurosport Saturdary): The Dutch indoor championships. SPORTEDESK: 858 09:30, 12:30, 18:00, 19:30 and michight.
TENNIS: 858 16:00-18:00 end 20:00-michight (with Footbell: The ATP World Tour Championship. Eurosport 22:45-00:30 (see Eurosport Stunday): The Dutch Indoor championships.
TENPIN BOWLING: Screensport 19:00-10:00 and 20:00-21:00: The Dutch Communication (No. 19:00-10:00 and 20:00-21:00: The Dutch Communication (No. 19:00-19:16: BOC Round The World single handled race. Tomorrow

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Screensport 20.45-03.45: College match: Mileril v Boston. 174 08.10-04.10: College match: Florids v Auburn. C4 20.00-21.30: NRL BOSSLEIGHE Eurosport 22.30-23.30 (see Eurosport Sunday): World Championships from St Moritz. BOODIGS: Screensport. 07.15-08.45.09.00-11.00: Professional events. Screensport 21.30-23.30 and 172-2.35-23.35: Coverage of the WBO middle-weight championships: Nigel Benn v Chris Eubank: from the NEO Brimbigham. Eurosport 11.30-12.30. Emiliopham. Eurosport 11.30-12.30. Emiliopham. Eurosport 11.30-12.30. EUROSTRIANISMI; Screensport 23.30-13.00: Bobsteigh: World Championships; Equestrialsm: The European Championships; Tennis; The Dutch Indoor championships; Tennis; The Dutch Indoor championships. Tennis; The Dutch Indoor championships. Tennis; The Dutch Indoor championships.

eshire GL v Stretfield Leegue (9.45); Annchester Leegue v Northumbertand 12.45; Northembertand v Lancabine 18.45; Stretfield Leegue v Humberside 14.15; Yorkshire v Cheshire (15.45), loutin Fleske: (at Southempton, The ports Castre, Bessett: Berkshire v suckinghamphire (14.30); Middlesex v Hampshire (11.30); Sussex v Surrey (13.0). West: Please (at Dorcen Centre. St Pauls Drive, Covingham and Greendown, Grange Park Lane, Westles); Avon v Comwalf (18.0); Cornead v Somerset (14.0); Devon v Dorset (12.15); Gloucestershire v Davon (16.45); Gloucester v Harstord (10.46); Harsfordshire v Witishire (15.30); Witishire v Avon (9.15).

BASKETBALL

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NORWICH URION CUP; See: final, secand leg: Cardiff v Durham (6.30).

HERNEKER NATIONAL LEAGUE; Premier
division: Ayr v Solituli (7.0); Clevaland v
Murrayfield (5.15); File v Nothingham
(7.15); First division: Basingstoks v
Humbersids (6.0); Romford v Bracknell
(5.15); Sough v Tetrord (5.45); Swindon v
Glasgow (5.0).

ENGLISH LEAGUE: Chaimstord v Oxford
City (6.30); Sheffield v Richmond (5.30);
Sunderland v Million Keynes (6.30).

VOLLEYBALL VOLLE-YBALL:

ROYAL BANK NATIONAL LEAGUE: More First division: Yearn Mizuno Majory v Purbrook (5:30); Resbok Liverpool City v Radio Trent Rockets (2:30); Staffordstire Moortands v Hitton Leeds (7:30); Speedwell Rusenor v Polonis (8:30); Microser: First divisions Southgets v Sov Lessing Sels (5:30); Ashcombe Sabre Dorland v Latellend (9:30); Portsmouth v Dynamo London (6:30).

BRINE NORTHERN LEAGUE: First di-vision: Mellor v Stockport; Okt Hutmelans v Sheffield Sheless; Old Stopfordiens v Heaton Mersey; Shelfield University v Cheedle; Tanperley v Sale. SOUTHERN LEAGUE: First divisions Beckenham v Oxford University; London v Hampstead; Purley v Kenton.

BSB 12.00-19.00.
POWERSPORTS INTERNATIONAL:
Screensport 17.00-17.30.
RUGBY LEAGUE: BSB 18.00-22.30 (with
tennist: Tour match: Widnes v Australia.
RUGBY SPECIAL: BBC2 17.00-18.00.
Highlights of Berbarians v Argentins, and RUGBY SPECIAL: SBC2 17.00-18.00: Highlights of Berbarians v Argentina, and Laicaster v Bath.
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SMCONCER: Screensport 05.15-07.15 and 13.00-15.00: The women's world thais, and men's world championship.
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TENUS: BSB 18.00.32.30 (with Flugby Lasgue): The ATP World Tour.
TENERAL BOWLING: Screensport 18.00-17.00: The Shirt Spare.
TRANS WORLD SPORT: Surceport 10.00-11.00.
WEIGHTLIFTING: Eurosport 23.30-00.30: World championship highlights.
VACHTRIS: Screensport 15.00-18.00: The 50st World Cup from North America.

RUGBY UNION

Iwo matches that can make or break Leicester's season

fielded second XVs because of

following week; it is seven

handed out in the 1985-6 season still sends shudders down Leicester spines.

Robinson, the rejected Eng-land flanker, can scarcely wait

to make a direct comparison

with Back and the revival of

the Leicester tight-five will be

examined closely by the visit-

ing pack. For all that, Leicester

are never better than when

"It can be like playing an international team," Dean Richards, Leicester's captain,

said of Bath. "But we have

coped better than most clubs

in the past and we have to

make them retreat." Bath.

though, have taken few back-

think so, judged by the ticket sales, but the finale of the

Argentine tour in Cardiff today

has a greater significance than the traditional end-of-term en-

counter with the Barbarians. It is, for the Pumas, a last chance

of redemption after conceding 120 points in three inter-nationals and the chance for the players to show that there is life

players to show that there is life after Porta.

The Barbarians, however difficult their selection has been because of league programmes in three of the four home countries, have spiced the brew by choosing Robert Jones as their scrum half and captain, and fielding leuan Evans and Phil Davies. All three, in a game soonsored by Scottish Ami-

sponsored by Scottish Amicable, have reason beyond the

Between them they come

none of the trio played. It is hard-won experience that Ron Waldron, the Welsh team man-

ager, can ill afford to ignore. But Jones, for one, accepts that 32

Jones, for one, accepts that 32 caps is no guarantee of automatic selection: "I try to prove myself in every game I play," he said this week, "and I am always fully committed.

"Chris Bridges is a good player and there are also a lot of fine young players about in Wales. This is an important match for me. Attacking opportunities have been limited in my international career but

in my international career but we should have a good supply of ball. I aim to show what I can do

Selectors, meanwhile, have other business on their minds, morrow

ward steps this season.

their backs are to the wall.

the best from his players. If On Monday and Tuesday next

Leicester can be overcome week, the four divisional

today and in the Pilkington teams to contest December's

Cup next Saturday, then a championship will be known, major obstacle to a league and and the nomination of each

cup double will have been will offer answers to some

Nor does the venue hold replace the injured Pegler in any fears. Barnes and his London's line-up? Can the

players enjoy the quality of the North really afford to do playing surface and the at- without Dooley? Will the mosphere, and the record Midlands win the contest for

books prove it. Although on the services of Rupert Moon their last visit, two years ago, at scrum half? Will the South-Rath lost 15-12, both clubs West win, period?

their cup final meeting the matches will offer some

years since Leicester won a genuine" first-team match, and the 40-15 caming that Bath props. against the husely-

identify areas where we can McAllister back

spice to the brew

By DAVID HANDS

THE Welsh public may not when provided with the

close to having as many caps as
the entire Welsh XV which
played against the Barbarians
last month, a match in which
last month, a match in which

Wales must surmount

daunting N Zealand

BERMUDA — Wales reached the final of the World Classic and will meet New Zealand today to conclude what has been a fascinating week of veterans' sport here (Alan Lorimer writes).

In the second of the semifinals, Wales beat Australia 26-8, with tries from Clive Rees, Paul Barnsey (two). Alan Phil-

awkward questions. Who will

Today's round of league

significant pointers to the

still without their England props, against the hugely-improved Rosslyn Park may

London's back row while if Orrell, who are certain to

dominate the North's team, win at Bristol, it will be their

first victory away to any of the senior West Country clubs.

There is irony at the bottom of the first division where, in

the week that Simon Robson

left Moseley for Liverpool St

visit the Reddings with both

clubs hoping to open their league account for the season.

The New Zealand forward, Charlie McAllister, is back in the Oldham pack for the rugby league match at Castleford to-

platform."
Bridges, the Neath scrum half,

holds sway at the moment and Waldron will assess the Welsh representatives fielded by the Barbarians today in the light of

Barbarians today in the light of the quality opposite them. Da-vies, the Llanelli captain, has ground to retrieve after an angry reaction to his omission from the Welsh team last month while Evans, his club colleague, made a delayed start to the season because of injury but is catching up fast.

How accommodating the Pu-

mas will be to their aspirations remains to be seen. There are some good players among the touring party but they require greater all-round pace, higher standards of fitness and the

which comes with experience -a commodity of which, in the absence of the injured Hugo

Porta, they remain desperately short.

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catching up fast.

Helens, the Lancashire club

THE players, before the Courage Clubs Championship is put to sleep for eight weeks, have league business in hand today, none greater than at Welford Road, where Leicester begin an eight-day, two-match programme with Bath which, if unsuccessful, could could ruin their league

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and cup prospects this season. Bath lead the first division on points difference from Leicester, but the Midlands team have played one match more, having lost at Rosslyn Park. "A win for us would mean that every other side in the first division will have two defeats in their record, while we would be unbeaten and with a game in hand on the rest of the teams at the top," Stuart Barnes, the Bath cap-

tain, said.
"I can't see anybody making up that sort of deficit on us.
Any lingering challenger has got to win all their remaining games and we will need to lose twice. I can't believe that we will slip up, but, if we do let somebody else in for the championship, then we will have only ourselves to

Barnes, whose influence as player and captain grows with each season, has every reason for confidence. His club came through a sticky October, against Orrell and Bristol, with their league record intact, and the challenge of Harle-quins last week brought out

A stiff test Barbarian trio add awaiting Llanharan

By Owen JENKINS

ALTHOUGH most attention ALTHOUGH most attention will be focused on the National Stadium this afternoon, the third round of the Welsh Rugby Union Schweppes Cup is being played with 72 teams battling it out for the right to advance to the next round on December 15. National League clubs enter the competition for the first time today, although only the bottom two divisions are involved. First division sides will be included in the next round

be included in the next round but the premier clubs will not be involved until the new year.

This has caused some construction among the smaller fry for the competition has, in the past, given the minnows a good chance of facing the bigger clubs. But the increasing de-

that this is not now possible.

There are five encounters between National League clubs, with the pick being Mountain Ash against Lianharan, who have had some marvellous runs in this competition in recent years. Mountain Ash have al-ready beaten Llanharan in a league match this year and will be the favourites again on their home ground. Danvant, the second division leaders, who sport a 100 per cent record, should also make home advan-tage pay dividends against Narberth,

• Abertillery have dismissed their senior coach Richard Barrell after five successive league defeats, which have left them bottom of the premier division of the Heineken

Munster sides duel for the championship

GARRYOWEN'S defeat of Ballymena last weekend has made it virtually certain that one of the three Munster clubs in division one of the All Ireland League will win the title (George Ace writes). But which one is ar-from clear and the answer may from clear and the answer may not be known until the final

from clear and the answer may not be known until the final series of matches on January 26.

The picture may be a little clearer, however, when the results of today's games are known. In matches involving the four leading clubs only the outcome of Carryowen's home game against pointless Malone can be predicted with any confidence.

Shannon travel to Temple Hill, Cork, to take on Constitution in what is the match of the day. Ballymena, minus tighthead prop, Peter Millar, with a rib injury, may find St Mary's College troublesome opposition in Dublin.

Harlequins v Northmptn

Banks makes his league debut at full back for Harlequins because

at run uses for manequins pocuses Thresher is injured. Northampton restore Peerce (prop) and Etkington (scrum half) after internal

Moseley v Liverpool SH

Moseley Y Laves grown of Moseley introduce Preston at the back with Hardcastle at standoff instead of Boyle and Martin at No. 8. Liverpool will decide this morning between Clift and Wellens at stand-off.

First division

Bristol v Orrell

injury. Leicester v Bath

TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

dispirited bunch. I hat will not be the case with the other southern hemisphere side.

New Zealand, the defending champions, have toppled Scotland and England, 38-8 and 38-10 respectively. If veterans' rugby is about retention of fitness then the New Zealanders

today to conclude what has been a fascinating week of veterans sport here (Alan Lorimer writes).

In the second of the semi-finals, Wales beat Australia 26-8, with tries from Clive Rees, Paul Bamsey (two), Alan Phillips and J. P. R. Williams, while Peter Morgan, John Taylor and Selwyn Williams added conversions.

Australia, competing for the first time, could do little against some determined Welsh tackling and by the end looked a dispirited bunch. That will not be the case with the other

Gloucester v Saracens Courage Clubs Championship Dee plays on Gloucester's
wing, with Marment switching to full
back instead of the injured
Smith. Saracens retain the XV that.

L Irish v Blackheath
Douglas replaces Neary in the
Irish back row but Blackheath, Thomas moves to stand-off for Bristol, who prefer Hinkins at tight-head prop against an Orrell side missing only Charles Cusani at No. 8, where Bibby plays.

Wasps v Rosslyn Park Wright (scrum half) and Pigrini (full back) return for Wasps and Lozowski plays his first league match of the season at centre. Park, for the fourth league match in a row, are unchanged.

Second division Headingley v Newcastle
Joyce returns to Headingley's
wing, Thornton moving to the left,
and Machell is named at prop.
Newcastle Gostorth have Whisker
at full back, with Cope on the
wing and Chick in the back row. Gissing has passed a fitness test and plays in Leicester's aecond row, with Evars and Bates returning to the back division. Bath are unchanged from the team that beat Harlequins.

Wakefield v Coventry Wakefield make three changes to the pack, fielding Latham (prop), Stewart (lock) and Cleyton (back row). Paul Thomas has recovered to leed Coventry but Shaw (wing) makes his debut and Chapman comes into the centre.

tournament.
Wales have lost their standoff half, Bleddyn Bowen, who
was injured against Australia,
but still have Peter Morgan to

fill the spot. Up front, their task will be difficult, but whatever

will be difficult, but whatever the result, Wales will want to perform better than either Scotland or England.

In the final of the plate competition, Scotland will play the United States, who defeated Ireland 26-6 in the second semi-

final. In many ways, this prom-

ises to be a more exciting game between two sides who look

Douglas replaces Neary in the trish back row but Blackheath, happy to have beaten Wakefield last week, are unchanged. Richmond v L Scottish

Hancock (scrum half) is fit once more for Richmond, who have Sole back at flanker. Burnell returns to the Scottish front row but Cramb is missing, as are Renwick and Bessley from the backs.

Plymouth A v Waterloo Phymouth play Pentold on the wing for the first time this season and restore Priday to hooker. Waterloo bring in McCoughran at Bedford v Sale

Wood and Harris rejoin
Bedford's back row, with Wood
resuming the captaincy after
injury. Sale's front row is
strengthened by the return of
Whitcombe and Wheeler, and
Hodgson is at flanter.

League hopefuls are put through their paces



A place within grasp: Barnet Copthall players, as well as a handful of non-stadium in north London on a damp American football players, including grey November day is an mulikely, not to say incongruous, launch pad for a career in American football (Richard Wetherell writes). But that was the stination yesterday as 72 hopefuls, two
of whom are pictured above, attended
the first try-out for the World League of
American Football (WLAF).
The 24 who were deemed to have

potential were asked to return tomor-row. They joined those previously invited, a group that includes 17 British

American football players, including athletes and rugby union players. The try-outs were part of the operation discovery programme, a worldwide search for future players, and included a series of athletic non-

Jerry Vainisi, a WLAF vice presi-dent, arrived in Britain just hours before the try-outs started. During the inital stages of the league, which kicks-off on March 23, with ten teams in

hope is to have the Great Britain team fielded by nationals of this country." The London franchise, competing as the London Monarchs, will be based at Wembley Stadium. The other European teams will be in Barcelona and Frankfurt. How many British players go to the final draft camp in Orlando in February will be decided tomorrow. They will sign a contract and will become either part of a team or a member of a four-man development

RUGBY LEAGUE

Amateurs sharing Great Britain can weekend spotlight emerge victorious THERE is a remarkable mixed achieved the feat.

bag of fixtures this weekend, with an Australian tour club fixture at Widnes, first and second division championship games, and Regal Trophy Cup ties. Wigan, who are obviously

back to form after their big win against Hull Kingston Rovers, start the ball rolling this afternoon by entertaining Featherstone Rovers at Central Park. Sharing the stage are the amateur clubs who have fought their way through to the preliminary round of the Regal Trophy, where Dudley Hill host Dewsbury, of the second division. and Saddleworth Rangers and Egremont Rangers contest an all-amateur battle.

all-amateur battle.

Tomorrow brings the final club game of the Australian tour, and arguably one of the toughest. Widnes are setting out their stall to become the first club side to lower the green and maintain the pressure at the top gold colours since 1978, when Widnes and Warrington Nottingham City, respectively.

FISHING

Tiptoeing

guests of

the river

By CONRAD VOSS BARK MY FATHER and grandfather

both fishermen, took their rivers for granted. My grandfather, Wilhe Cox, fished the Somerset

Avon somewhere above Bath and took me with him while I

worried about the sewage in the river. It smelt a bit sometimes, but he said the fish are it.

Those were in the days before sewage was corrupted, before silage and chemical manures and pesticides and all the other

post-war poisons that would kill a thousand fish at a mere touch

of the stuff in the food stream had been invented.

Those were in the days of childhood that George Orwell wrote about in his autobiography when he said that after that time we had taken the

wrong turning and that now, "within a hundred miles of London there are no fish left to

London there are no fish left to catch".

It was not governments or civil servants or water authorities who sounded the alarm. It was the ordinary people, scientists, conservationists, fishermen, who started the agitation, who pointed to the ozone layer, the destruction of forests, the death of rivers, and it was the newspapers and the television that biazoned it out. Gradually the public began to realise we

the public began to realise we were destroying our

It seems to me that people

who have never held a rod have

a new attitude to rivers, a new

mood, a respect for them we never had when Orwell was writing Animal Farm. It is a feeling, an anxiety, a

subtle perception that we cannot

subile perception that we cannot always put into words, that gives us the idea that we cannot go on as we have been for countless years. You catch hold of this feeling everywhere, this sensitivity, which was beautifully

summed up not long ago by an American essayist, Nick Lyons. He wrote that when he went fishing he moved slowly so as

not to disturb the life of the

river, because, he said, "I am

It is the same over here. A few

years back, if a farmer allowed some silage to enter a river which killed a few thousand fish, he might be fined £200 or so and that was the end of it. Not

so and that was the end of it. Not any longer.
Only this month, a farmer who polluted the River Ottery in Cornwall was fined £1,500 with £750 costs. He also faces a bill for about £12,000 from the regional river authority for the cost of dealing with the emergency and restocking the river. This is what I mean by a change of mood.

only its mest".

Anstralia do not risk Daley, but Hisa appears to have recov-ered from his kidney stone problem and is back in the international-strength line-up. Alexander, who has been named on every team sheet during the tour, gets an opportunity to put in a claim for a full international match at Elland Road next Samrday should Bobby Fulton, the coach, decide on minimal In tomorrow's championship games Hull must pick them-selves up after their shattering defeat at the hands of the touring team on Wednesday to

hold on to their leadership of the first division against In the second division Salford should have no difficulty retaining their unbeaten record

against Runcorn Highfield, while Swinton and Leigh should

IN SOME quarters there seem to be a feeling that the end of the world will arrive if Great Britain do not win the third British Coal international against Australia, and therefore the series, at Elland Road tomorrow week. The truth is quite the opposite, for the Great Britain team's achievements in the first two memorable series has been a springboard for a remarkable take-off in the British game.

Interest in the 13-a-side code has never been higher at national level, with observers in media and public spheres agreeing that the remarkable 19-12 stadium and throughout the stadiu bley established rugby league as a national game. No longer is it a parochial northern sport.

A measure of the manner in which the series has caught public imagination is in the number of people, hitherto out-

swept up in the tide of enthu-siasm as Great Britain stand 1-1 with one game to go in their search for a first series victory over the world champions since One of this week's sporting letters to The Times, comment-ing on the television coverage of last Saturday's match, was not from a viewer in Wigan, Widnes or Leeds, but from a highly

knowledgeable and critical of Both international games

SWIMMING

Well timed finish by Shortman

turned on the speed that he has promised for more than a year to steal the British sprint crown from Mike Fibbens, the Commonwealth Games medal winner, at the TSB national championships at Coventry.

The 19-year-old pretender from Bristol Central, came of age after a perfectly timed finish saw him touch just 0.02sec ahead of Fibbens to clock 50.91 sec in the 100 metres freestyle.

Shortman, aged 1S, who is coached by his father. Mike, gave warning of a sub-51-sec swim down the first of the two lengths, turning in 24.4sec at hall-way, almost a second faster than his previous best split. It was the closest he has come to challenging Fibbens, of Barnet, at the 50 metres.

at the 50 metres.

With 15 metres to go, Fibbens, aged 22, looked capable of hanging on. But Shortman responded with a display of the raw talent that has been fine-tuned in recent months and offers so much potential for success on a world stage. While Shortman's efforts sliced 0.8sec off his best time, he is still 0.3sec slower that the is still 0.3sec slower that the British qualifying time for the world championships, to be held at Perth, Australia, in January. There are only eight places on the 16-strong team left.

Sharon Page, of Mercury Wigan Wasps, will also have to await a selectors' decision after winning the 100 metres back-stroke in 1min 04.54sec, half a second off the standard for Perth.

Perth.

RESILTS: Men: 100m freestyle: 1, A Snormen (Brissol Central), 50 91-sec; 2, M Fibbons (Barnet Coptnal), 50 93, 3, M M Fibbons (Barnet Coptnal), 50 93, 3, M M Morcalfa (City of Leeds), 52 34 200m backstroke: 1, G Robins (Portsmouth Northsea), 208, 29, 3, P Blake (Mercury Wigan Wasps), 205, 43, 400m individual medicy: 1, A Rolley (Portsmouth Northsea), 423, 27, 2, P O'Sullivan (Hounstow Borough), 4 30 61; 3, M Hooper (Portsmouth Northsea), 4,32, 17, Womer: 200m treestyle: 1, 2 Long (Beclanham), 204, 97; 2, R Giffstan (Cay of Dundsee), 205, 41; 3, J Couli (City of Birningham), 206, 10, 100m backstroke; 1, S Pane (Mercury Wigan Wasps), 1,04,54; 2, K Read (Barnet Copthal), 1,05,26; 3, H Statter (Warnington Warns), 1,05,35, 100m batterily; 1, M Campbell (Portsmouth Northsea), 1;02,44; 2, S Purus (Mercury Wigan Wasps), 1;03,38, 3, C Foot (City of Southerryton), 1,03,67.

FENCING

Bissdorf set to dominate THIS weekend's Eden Cup A

rade event for under-20s men's oil at the Elephant and Castle toll at the Elephant and Castle Leisure Centre is the last occa-sion both East and West Ger-many will field separate teams in Britain (a Special Corres-pondent writes). The West Ger-mans likely to dominate are the tile balder. Bull Birded and title-holder, Ralf Bissdorf, and their Nos. 1 and 2. Mattias have proved that Great Britain's international win in Sydney 1988 was not a freak, and that the game in this country can compete with the world's best. Reiter and Wolfgang Wienand. Neil Ashdown, of Salle Boston, Austin Royle, of Ashton, and Nick Payne, of High Wycombe lead British hopes.



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START PLAYING THIS SUNDAY By MARTIN BARROW

OIL prices fell heavily again on international markets, with contracts for forward months trading well below \$30 a barrel and Brent for prompt delivery valued \$2 lower at \$30.60.

In London the January Brent contract ranged between \$28.75 and \$28.80, down \$1.65, and \$4.85 lower than the opening price on Monday. In New York, US crude futures opened sharply lower, with the December contract trading \$1.62 lower at \$29.50.

The absence of firm news from the Gulf has been the major factor behind the steady decline in oil prices this week with weaker prices for refined products after prolonged

Dealers focused on the balance of supply and demand and were influenced by increased production figures from Opec countries.

The prospect of another mild winter has affected the wholesale price of heating fuel and contributed to the fall in

The last time the first forward contract for Brent oil traded below \$29 on the International Petroleum Exchange was October 24. After the invasion of Kuwait, spot prices rose to almost \$42 a

Product prices also fell

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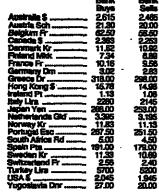
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SOME of Europe's biggest multinationals have warned the European Community not to regulate its efforts to "reward" productive workers with bonuses and company shares. While well established in Britain, France and Germany, the practice is still in its infancy elsewhere in Europe and needs careful nurturing without intervention from Brussels, they said.

More and more large firms try to motivate their workforce by paying lump sums or awarding shares when profits or productivity rise, It is widely heralded as a way of motivating employees and inspiring loyalty, while keeping them up to date on

also controversial, not least because Britain and other countries allow certain

tax breaks for the practice. The Commission is taking a keen interest in the issue. At an EC seminar here, Vasso Papandreon, European commissioner for employment, tested the reaction of some of Europe's most influential firms to the idea of an EC role. "Financial participation is a growing concern of companies seeking to improve their performance by means of various many tools which will motivate the workers." Ms Papandreou believes that as demand grows for skilled workers, companies will

centives, offering a greater slice in shares when profits rise. Siemens, the German electronics group, claims that 70 per cent of its German workforce owns its shares. ICI has run such a scheme for 36 years and says workers can add a sizeable slice to their salary in a good year.
But business is hostile to outside control.

ICI, Eurotunnel, Siemens and Rhone-Poulenc of France sent a warning against national or supranational regulation. They welcomed Brussels as a source of information exchange but nothing more. One said "it would be inconceivable to introduce constraints", while another gave warning

that trade unions and workers still stood in confrontation on the issue. Unions in southern Europe are ideologically hostile to increased employee share participation.

UNICE, the main industrialists' lobby in Brussels, backs greater financial participation among employees, but gave warning that money may not be the strong motivator that some enthusiasts believe. UNICE maintains share ownership must be voluntary, with few strings attached. It must also be tailormade to the company and industrial climate of the country, and workers should not be cushioned from share price fluctuations. Ms Papandreou's interest may in part

Multinationals tell EC to drop incentive scheme idea have been fuelled by her ideological that Mrs Thatcher. Wider share ownership is one of the pitlars of the prime minister's industrial philosophy. When rejecting the EC's Social Charter and other attempts by Brussels to improve workers' rights, Mrs Thatcher has argued that a worker's best interests lie in increased participation in his own company.

Mrs Thatcher opposes EC rules to enforce worker participation in company decision-making, a plan Brussels bas had to delay almost indefinitely. Instead, Ma Papandreou will unveil measures obliging firms to inform and consult their staff before making major changes in strategy.

Inflation set to fall as RPI peaks at 10.9%

By Colin Narbrough, economics correspondent

likely to fall to single figures this month after holding steady in October at 10.9 per cent, the peak reached in September.

The improved outlook for inflation, as measured by the retail price index, is good news for the government after its prolonged counter-inflationary squeeze. Beating inflation is a central policy objective and crucial to its hopes of re-

Falling inflation should also improve market sentiment for the pound, opening the way for John Major, the Chancellor, to cut interest rates again, unless uncertainties over the Conservative party leadership prevent it.

But the expected fall in the RPI largely reflects the effect of mortgage rate changes this month and a year ago. The underlying inflation picture continues to worsen.

Central Statistical Office fig-ures showed the RPI rising 0.8 per cent last month to 130.3, leaving annual inflation unchanged at 10.9 per cent. However, the government's preferred core measure rose from 8.3 to 8.4 per cent. This excludes mortgage interest payments and the poll tax.

The CSO's old underlying rate, excluding mortgage in-terest, was unchanged at 9.5 per cent.
Mr Major, commenting on

the figures, was confident that

ANNUAL inflation is headline inflation had peaked at 10.9 per cent, its highest since June 1982. But he said it was also "probable" that the underlying rate would start to

> ary happens to oil prices. The November RPL collected on Tuesday, is esti-mated to turn out almost a full percentage point below the October rate, because of mortgage rate changes alone. Petrol price cuts should remove a further 0.3 of a point.

Roger Bootle, chief economist at Midland Montagu, sees this pushing the RPI as low as 9.5 per cent, probably prompting the chancellor to slice a percentage point off the base rate before Christmas. He expects lower interest rates and a smaller inflationary impact from the poll tax in April to bring headline infla-tion down to 6.0 per cent by mid-1991. Mr Major has predicted 5.5 per cent by the final quarter of next year.

In line with many economists, Mr Bootle expects core inflation to continue rising, or to remain stuck at about 8.5 per cent for some time. Ian Harnett, chief econo-

mist at Strauss Turnbull, believes a big rise in unemployment will be needed to set core inflation on a downward path. Price increases in October

were attributed mainly to the higher cost of petrol and heating oil. Prices also rose for clothing and footwear, housing, leisure goods, drink, tobacco and telephone rental

and postal charges.

For November there are possible rises for certain food items, public house beer, tobacco and clothing in the fall, providing nothing extrapipeline. While petrol and ating oil have become cheaper, coal and gas prices

Treasury figures on government finances also provided some encouragement for Mr Major, suggesting his target for a public sector debt repayment of £3 billion this year is not unrealistic, given the electricity industry sale.

Although there were no pri vatisation proceeds in October, the public sector was able to make a net repayment of £2.29 billion, compared with a borrowing requirement of £1.50 billion in September and a repayment of £2.66 billion in October 1989.

This brought the cumulative PSBR for the first seven months of the fiscal year down to £3.2 billion from £5.4 billion in September. At the same stage last year there was a surplus of £3.3 billion.

The October improvement was mainly due to about £4.0 billion in corporate tax receipts, which reveal the buoyancy of company profits last year. The subsequent deterioration in profits will only show up in next year's receipts which will also be weakened by rising unemployment. • Third quarter growth fig-

ures out on Monday are expected to confirm that the economy has entered a recession. City forecasters expect the output measure of the gross domestic product to between the second and third wanted to drop the federal September, and has settled at yesterday, oil prices continued earters. Shrinkage of a similar magnitude is expected this to 7.5 per cent. This is the

Despite the widely held view that the United States is in recession, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development expects I per cent growth this year and next, with a distinct improvement afterwards, according to the OECD Econ-

'Agreement makes no sense now'Derek Barron reflecting on Ford's 13.4% rise

Federal funds rate cut to 7.5% as US inflation begins to settle

From John Durie in New York

American interest rates, amid that inflation had levelled out. cent. The Fed pumped money

into the banking system for inflation rate, excluding food as rate from 7.75

The Fed funds rate, the rate other, stood at 8.25 percent at the beginning of this year,

THE Federal Reserve Board the commerce department in imports for September, has signalled a further cut in said consumer prices rose 0.6 despite a 1.4 per cent increase per cent, bringing inflation a slowing economy and signs this year to a rate of 6.7 per \$6.2 billion was the highest for The so-called underlying

The trade deficit for Septhird cut in interest rates this tember narrowed slightly to year. The second one, three \$9.4 billion from \$9.7 billion

down \$8.2 billion from the barrel. at which banks lend to each figure for the first nine months The trade figures, which

while bank prime rates have were in line with expectations, stayed constant at 10 per cent. came after a 2.2 per cent fall in The Fed move came after exports and a 2.4 per cent fall

in the oil import bill, which at a single month since October

The price of ail during the the third successive day, giv- and energy prices, rose 0.3 per month rose \$4.77 a barrel to show a fall of 1 per cent ing a clear indication that it cent, the same increase as in \$24.31. In futures trading interpreted an easing of war tensions in the Gulf Gulf and in midday trading, West weeks ago, was also by a in August, bringing the deficit Texas International was down quarter of a point.

in August, bringing the deficit Texas International was down this year to \$74.7 billion, \$1.32 a barrel to \$29.80 a

> The bond market was firm, although the Fed rate cut was expected, and in midday trading the 30-year Treasury yield was down from 8.52 per cent

> > staff to

MCI cuts meet AT&T challenge From OUR CORRESPONDENT

MCI Communications Corp, the American long-distance telephone operator, will cut 1,500 jobs in the battle for

market share. The company disappointed Wall Street by reporting a loss in the third quarter of \$168 million and, more importantly, by almost negligible revenue gains on the second quarter, rising from \$1.9 bil-lion to \$2 billion.

MCI and British Telecom recently announced a \$400 million deal to lay the first fibre optic cable from America to Europe. The move comes amid growing competition in the \$55 billion American longdistance telephone market.

AT&T, the market leader with 70 per cent of America's long-distance calls, has also recently announced a \$300 million fibre optic telephone cable linking America with

For the first nine months of this year, MCI reported profits of \$172 million on revenue of \$5.7 billion. The cuts from MCT's staff of

24,000 come after its recent \$1.3 billion purchase of Telecom USA, which gave MCI a leg into the medium-sized business telecommunications market. The company is re-organisms its structure of is re-organising its structure of seven regions into four business units.

Jack Grubman, an analyst with PaincWebber, said: AT&T has been very success-ful in blunting MCI's market will be good for the company and a management has to go back, reload and start over again."

Pay deal puts more pressure on Ford By PHILIP BASSETT INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

> FINANCIAL pressures on Ford of Britain will be increased as a result of the company's 13.4 per cent inflation. linked pay deal, the car maker

Derek Barron, cha and chief executive in Britain said yesterday that the pay deal would considerably wor-sen the difficulties facing Ford over the contraction in the British car market, arising out of the economic downturn.

Ford's market share in cars is sharply down. According to the latest figures from the So-ciety of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, Ford had 23.9 per cent of the market in October, down 12 per cent from its share a year earlier of 27.1 At the same time, the mar-

ket share of its principal competitors rose. GM's increased over the same period from 16.5 per cent to 18.1 per cent and Rover's from 11.6 to 13.1 per cent. Market analysts suggest Ford will come under further competitive pressure from the Japanese

Mr Barron acknowledged what he described as a "whole raft" of pressures on Ford and other car makers, stemming from an expected downturn in sales from about 2.3 million to 2 million cars this year.

He said: "This is causing major pressures on everybody in the automotive industry, and we are trying in every conceivable way to sharpen up our efficiency." He admitted that the size of the pay deal would make the position worse, worse".
The deal, the second stage of

two-year agreement, gives Ford's 32,400 manual workers a 13.4 per cent rise from next Saturday. Under the agree-ment, Ford employees were to receive either 8 per cent, or inflation plus 2.5 per cent, whichever was the greater. At the time the deal was reached, inflation was forecast to decline, and Ford managers were most concerned about the 8 per cent opnor.

Privately, Ford managers feel angry that the company is being saddled with the high cost of this year's agreement. sibility towards inflation. when the agreement was constructed mainly on government predictions about the likely movement of inflation.

Publicly, Mr Barron refused to voice that view yesterday, though he said the deal was "higher than anticipated". Speaking after giving a speech to an Industrial Society con-ference in London, he said: "A year ago we made an agree-ment, which doesn't seem to make a lot of sense now."

Ford hopes to recoup some of the cost of the deal through increased productivity, and the company points to recent output figures at its Dagenham plant as an indicator, . Daily production hit a record 1,232 vehicles last week, and

now averages 973, compared with 841 a year ago.

Mr Barron would not forecast what next year's pay agreement would be, but said:

"We hope that all our expenses levels are levels." penses levels are lower." Jimmy Airlie, secretary of

the Ford union negotiators, said the pay rise was based on ... "massive" productivity rises in recent years, and pointed out that Ford workers in Germany were still paid more than Ford workers in Britain.

Two join the board of **News Int**

By Our Financial Staff JOHN Dux and John B Evans

are to join the board of News International, which owns The Times. News Inter-The Times. News International has appointed Mr
Dux as managing director from December 1 of News International Newspapers, the subsidiary which publishes The Times, The Sunday Times, The Sun, News of the World and Today. World and Today.
Mr Dux, an Australian, has

been general manager since the beginning of this year. John Evans, executive vice president for corporate development of The News Corporation, the parent of News International, is being seconded for about a year to take responsibility for adver-tising, circulation and

Mr Evans was formerly vice president of Murdoch Magazines in America and pub-lisher of New York's Village

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Court bid for access Thompson in to Polly Peck books bid for By ANGELA MACKAY By STEPHEN LEATHER

A NORTHERN Cyprus court give PPI financial support, it will hear an application to lift has been prepared to hinder the injunction preventing access to financial details of Polly Peck International's from one of the joint admini-

INFLATION AT A PEAK

strators, Coopers & Lybrand businesses on November 26. PPI's administrators, appointed last month, have been fixes of Meyna, PPI's fruit company, yesterday, after Asil examine the accounts of the fixes fruit, packaging, hotels ised "categorically" he would fresh fruit, packaging, hotels and banking operations. arrange this as soon as he While the government in arrived in the region. the region has not been able to Mr Nadir then flew to nor-

thern Cyprus to assist in the preparations for the lifting of the injunction and to marshall es to try to fend off an action for bankruptcy brought by three London stockbrokers. . The Polly Peck chief has promised to discharge his liabilities in full by December 3 when he will next appear in

court. administrators, said he ex-pected to return to the region next week with letters of credit ensuring the payment of citrus farmers who supply Sunzest, the fresh fruit business in northern Cyprus. He would not say how much money would be available, but it is believed to be no more than £3 million.

Last week, Mr Stone and colleagues met government ministers in northern Cyprus and assured them they would do what they could to keep Polly Peck's subsidiaries

Meanwhile, a meeting of the informal committee of PPP's creditors was held with administrators in London yesterday to set up the parameters of their co-operation. The informal committee com-prises six banks and two £257,000, compared with a vote later. shareholders in Polly Peck. previous profit of £892,000. The additional committee com-tax loss to end-June to noon before vote later.

£7.5m cash McLaughlin

TBF THOMPSON, a pri-vately owned Northern Ire-

land company, has launched a cash takeover bid for construction company McLanghlin & Harvey.

The offer of 135p for the firm's ordinary shares and 100p for the preference shares

values McLaughlin & Harvey at £7.5 million. The target company's directors immediately rejected the bid, saying it was "totally unacceptable".

TBF Thompson was set up in 1986 by a group of North-ern Ireland businessmen, chaired by Dr Thomas
Thompson, but has not
traded. The group say they
believe that McLaughlin & Harvey's recent strategic diversifications "have been illconsidered and possibly detrimental". About two-thirds of its turnover now comes from London and the southeast of

England.
The Thompson camp intends to refocus the activities of the company and believe this can best be done if it is privately owned. "The well known and respected McLaughlin & Harvey name will be maintained," they say. McLaughlin & Harvey shares rose 30p yesterday to 130p. In the year to end-December 1989 the firm posted pre-tax profits of £2.2 million on turnover of £106.9 million. The 1990 interim results were hit by an excep-tional item of £1.5 million, being provisions for the writing down of land values and work in progress, lifting pre-

Easy rider: chief executive Philippe Le Roux at a Norton display before the special meeting yesterday

Norton meeting delay INSTITUTIONAL investors revealed that a DM14 million

The International Stock Ex-

change ordered the group to announced in a circular. provide more information to shareholders yesterday after-

forced an adjournment of the indemnity issued by Norton special shareholders meeting against FUS has been canat Norton, the motorcycle and celled. An agreement by Norturniture group. furniture group.

Norton proposes to pay £7.6

million for FUS Beteiligungsund Verwaltungs, whose founder James Tildesley is also a
director of Norton.

tened. An agreement by Norfailed to take effect by November 30 has been withdawn,
and Norton conceded that a

DM5.5 million loan mentioned in the original particutioned in the original particu-lars should have been formally

Mr Tildesley said: "This will not be the end of the Nornoon before calling a fresh ton name. This acquisition

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Multum In Parvo to complete fine double SIKESTON, trained by Clive Red Rainbow and Paul Cole's Red Rainbow and Red Rainbo in Ascot showpiece

By MANDARIN (MICHAEL PHILLIPS)

Cheltenham last Saturday, Both have won in the Multum In Parve, from John Edwards' in-form Ross-on-Wye stable, will be a tough nut runner, has not raced since he begins another campaign by to crack in today's H & T Walker Gold Cup at Ascot.

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Edwards, who has had a winner every day this week bar yesterday, thought long and hard before deciding that conditions were right to go to the well again.

Two factors influenced him. First, the field was likely to cut up, which it has and second, Multum In Parvo bas only a 4lb penalty to carry whereas his rating has gone up 10lb for

Parvo excelled when beating those in-form horses Thar-An-Bharr and New Halen on what was his seasonal debut.

As he also ran another fine race at Cheltenham in March, when he was beaten only a short head by Brown Windsor in the Cathcart Challenge Cup, last Saturday's performance falls into place.

Top weight today will now be carried by Cashew King.

whose form last season was over only two miles. While today's right-handed course will suit Blazing Walker, who has a tendency to jump that way, it is pertinent

to point out that he was beaten

1.00 Hogmanay. 1.30 Gaasid.

221,300: 2m 4f) (5 runners)

Going: good to firm

2.05 Multure In Parvo.

1.0 MANICOU HANDICAP CHASE (28,226: 2m) (4 runners)

Long bandicept Black Amber 9-13, Certain Style 9-7.
BETTING: 5-4 Hogmanay, 9-4 Black Amber, 4-1 Certain Style, 8-1 Knockbrack.

FOLLOWING that eight. Perth in September and that Karakter Reference (a winner length victory in the they are meeting again on the Mackeson Gold Cup at same terms this afternoon.

Cheltenham

> meantime. fell at Aintree in April Trained by Martin Pipe, he won five off the reel last season, but I still prefer Multum In Parvo.

No matter how Cashew King fares in the big race, his trainer Bryan McMahon and jockey Trevor Wall should not leave the course empty-handed because I firmly believe they can win the Snow Hill Handicap Hurdle with Peanuts Pet, who ran such a fine race on his seasonal debut At Cheltenham Multum In at Chepstow a formight ago

when he was beaten only a length by Bradbury Star. The rest were well behind that day. Today's programme can begin with Hogmanay, a winner at Newbury ten days ago, giving weight away all round in the Manicon Handicap

Well that Peace King should go in the Kennel Gate Castle Novices Hurdle, I much prefer Reg Akehurst's versatile fiveyear-old Gaasid, who finished second to horses of the calibre of Tinryland and Stratford Ponds in similar races at Kempton last winter.

The Rip Handicap Chase can go to Imadyna, who was a length by Full Strength at beaten only a length by and raring to go.

2.35 Imadyna. 3.10 Peanuts Pet. 3.40 Scarlet Express.

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Selections

By Mandarin

1989: MERCLEOUR 10-11-7 M Dayor (11-2) Jenny Fitz Gorald 5 ran

FORM FOCUS HOGMANY in need of the run when 30% of the run with 10 success over Modelino at lowed up with 10 success over Modelino at lowed up

1.30 KENNEL GATE CASTLE NOVICES HURDLE (Grade 2: 27,160: 2m)

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2.5 H & T WALKER GOLD CUP (Limited Handicap Chase: Grade 2:

1989: MAN CHAGEC 8-11-5 M Perrett (9-1) K Balley 11 ran

BETTRNG: 6-4 Multum in Pervo, 5-2 Full Strength, 4-1 Blazing Welker, 7-1 Cashew King, 10-1 Sire

At Ayr, many eyes will focus on that good seven-year-old Sire Nantais, the only other Carrick Hill Lad when he contesting the Joan Mackay Handicap Chase.

Last season he won his first five races, and when last seen he was beaten two lengths by the redoubtable Royal Athlete over today's course and distance in the spring. I believe that he will prove

too good for his stable companion, the Scottish National winner Four Tricks. Following that easy win at Sedgefield on Tuesday, Elder Prince should be capable of shrugging aside his penalty in the Montgomerie Handicap Hurdle.

The safest bet on the Scottish track though is surely Ross Venture to continue his victorious run by winning the Galloway Hills Novices' For the day's best bet I'm

turning to Warwick where Deep Seasation is napped to win the St Mary's Trial Hurdle. Were this a handicap instead of a conditions race, Josh Gifford's winner of the Tote Gold Trophy at Newbury last February would be meeting all his rivals on noticeably worse terms. Deep Sensation is reported to be fit

British in Milan

Roberts, gained his firth Italian group-race success when beating Candy Glen by three lengths in the £63,848 group one Premio Vittorio di Capua (Im) in Milan yesterday. Zoman completed a clean sweep for the British raiders by finishing third.

Roberts went on to complete a group-race double on the John Dunlop-trained Brockette in the Premio Dormello. Lee Artiste, Reshift and Glowlamp finished sixth, seventh and eighth

respectively.
Earlier, Paul Cole initiated a
British treble when All The King's Men won the listed Premio del Dado by a length. Lester Piggott was out of luck in the group races but his three other rides yielded a first and a

2f). David Elsworth's Lugana Beach and Mick Ryan's Languy Lass do battle in the group three

Premio Umbria (6f).
Also in action tomorrow is David Morley's much-travelled mare Sesame in the listed Prix Max Sicard at Toulouse (1m 4f). Alex Scott sends Il Corsair to Turin today for the listed Premio Avvocato Amedeo

Piggott's European tour moves on to Marseille today when he has four rides including

second.

British trainers launch three Prix de Flore at Saintamother strong raid on Rome tomorrow when Ben Hanbury's Philbarmonia finished tenth.

Rudjig to assist Roche as he chases record

CHRISTY Roche needs one winner from three booked rides

the Berkeley Court Hotel Knockaire Stakes.

Guide to our in-line racecard

1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (SF,F,Q,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0__ Resocurd number. Styligure form (F - fell., distance winner. BF - besten favourite in P - pulled up. R - refused.

D - disqualified). Horse's name. Days S - soft, good to tirm, hard. G - good.

D - disqualified). Horse's name. Days S - soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in aince last outing: F if first. (B - blinkers. brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider V - vivor. H - hood. E - Byesheld. C - course sud Handicapper's resing. 2.35 RIP HANDICAP CHASE (£9,204: 3m) (3 runners)

FORM FOCUS HINTWORTH made | Alexal 2%1 and 5%1 respectively at Chepatow (3m, 900d to firm); latest 11 2nd to Karakier Reference (3m) on reappearance; latest 11/2 2nd to Mr Frisk at Sandown (2m 118yd, good to firm). MAUTI-118yd, good to firm). The sandown (2m 118yd, good to firm) at Kempton (3m, firm). MAUTI-118yd, good to firm).

3.10 SNOW HILL, HANDICAP HURDLE (27,683: 2m) (4 runners)

FORM FOCUS PEANUTS PET 11 2nd of 13 to Bradbury
Star at Chepatow (2m 44, good). AL ABOOF has shown title in his two starts since beating Jopenini 4th for Wagning 3t at Forawell (2m 2f).
44 at Sandown (2m, good) in December 1988.

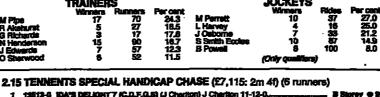
AURELIUS HURDLE (3-Y-O: £4,503: 2m) (9 runners)

BETTING: 15-8 Scarlet Express, 9-4 Olympian, 11-2 Resecuti Gold Card, 7-1 Top Of The Sti, 12-1 Ele-mou, 14-1 Snuggis, 20-1 Equinox, 25-1 others. 1989: MAJOR INCURRY 11-8 G Bradley (5-4) D Elsworth 11 ran

FORM FOCUS OLYMPIAN best
Fontwell (2m 2f, good to firm); kinest at Sandour
(2m, good to firm); kinest at Sandour
(2m, good to firm) won by 7f from Deadlock.
ELA-YEMOU 901/4 4th to Porto Hell over coarse and
detaince (firms); previously 11/4 2nd of 10 to Grondole
at teurison (2m 110yd, hard). RACECALL GOLD
CARD 31 3rd of 20 to Silvan Fan at Windsor (3m)

Selection: OLYMPIAN

Course specialists



FORM FOCUS CASHEW KING, unpetend starts test assesson, bear Decided % at Notinghem (2m. 4r, good to firm). FULL STRENGTH has Notinghem (2m. eof), BLAZING WALKER beat Chipchese 108 in a match at Market Resen (3m, firm), on persistrates start and followed up by beating ficance Harvey 4 in a 3-runner race at Sandown (2m 46 68)vd, good to firm). MULTUM M PARVO beat There Selections By Mandarin 2.15 General Chandos. 12.45 Ross Venture.

2.45 Elder Prince. 1.15 Carrick Hill Lad. 3.15 Majestic Ride. 3.45 Forget The Rest. 1.45 Gay Ruffian.

By Michael Seely 1.15 Carrick Hill Lad. 1.45 GAY RUFFIAN (nap). 2.45 Elder Prince. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.45 ELDER PRINCE.

Going: good to soft 12.45 GALLOWAY HILLS NOVICES HURDLE (£3,080: 2m) (13 runners) ... M Dayer L O'Hara (3) S SECURIO SVELI ISSUERIA ESTAS CONTRECES A FINANCIA (S) TO SECURIO (S) TO SECURIO

1.15 JOAN MACKAY HANDICAP CHASE (£3,785; 3m 110yd) (5 runners) Leng Handicap: Brownhill Last 9-5
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BETTING: 6-5 Carrick Hill Led, 11-4 Four Title, 3-1 Eirling Jack, 12-1 Brownhill Last, 20-1 Plenty Jack, 8-ETTING: 6-5 Carrick Hill Led, 11-4 Four Title, 3-1 Eirling Jack, 12-1 Brownhill Last, 20-1 Plenty Jack, 8-ETTING: 6-5 Carrick Hill Last, 11-4 Four Title, 3-1 Eirling Jack, 12-1 Brownhill Last, 20-1 Plenty Jack, 8-ETTING: 6-5 Carrick Hill Last, 11-4 Four Title, 3-1 Eirling Jack, 12-1 Brownhill Last, 20-1 Plenty Jack, 8-ETTING: 6-5 Carrick Hill Last, 11-4 Four Title, 3-1 Eirling Jack, 12-1 Brownhill Last, 20-1 Plenty Jack, 8-ETTING: 6-5 Carrick Hill Last, 20-1 Plenty Jack, 13-1 Eirling Jack, 12-1 Brownhill Last, 20-1 Plenty Jack, 8-ETTING: 6-5 Carrick Hill Last, 20-1 Plenty Jack, 19-1 Eirling Jack, 12-1 Brownhill Last, 20-1 Plenty Jack, 8-ETTING: 6-5 Carrick Hill Last, 20-1 Plenty Jack, 19-1 Eirling Jack, 12-1 Brownhill Last, 20-1 Plenty Jack, 8-ETTING: 6-5 Carrick Hill Last, 20-1 Plenty Jack, 8-ETTING: 8-ETTING:

1.45 CORAL GOLDEN HURDLE HANDICAP (Qualifier: £3,158: 2m 6f) (23 runners)

Long hendices: Racical Lady 9-7 SETTING: 3-1 General Chandos, 7-2 Tactico, 4-1 Lackter, 5-1 Radical Lady, 6-1 Ida's Delight, 1989: VILLEERSTOWN 10-11-5 C Grant (3-1) W A Stephenson 6 ran 2.45 MONTGOMERIE HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,709: 2m) (6 runners) 1989: ALBERT THE GREAT 6-9-11 D Byrne (14-1) P Liddle 13 ran 3.15 QLENGOYNE HIGHLAND MALT TAMEROSIA SERIES NOVICE CHASE (Qualifier: \$2,558: 2m) (5 numbers) 1 POP-505 BACK REPORE DARKS (J Pine) J Other 5-11-0 2 84533 MAJESTIC RIDE 8 (7 Summerfelt) J Oliver 6-11-0
3 0003-PF MEMANDRIA 24 (F.G.S) (M. Jones) B Billion 6-11-0
4 0P/0 CRYPTO FLASH 19 (Mrs L. Marshill) B McLann 7-10-8
5 0PF8/P3- THE PRIDE OF PONEY 185 (R. Bieck) Mrs S Bradburns 6-10-9 BETTING: 11-10 Back Before Dark, 2-1 Majestic Ride, 5-1 Mirandinha, 8-1 Crypto Flash, 1988: ANTIBIOUS 5-11-5 L. Wyer (4-5 fm) M H Easterty 8 ran 3.45 GRUNWICK STAKES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (£2,372: 2m) (20 runners)

1989: SCHEHALLION 4-11-4 D Byrne (6-1) J Jefferson 18 ran **Course specialists**



Clean sweep for Northern Dancer put down

the most famous of them all.

on the racecourse and in the

They included the Derby

winners, The Minstrel and

Secreto, and other outstanding

breeding barns.

NORTHERN Dancer, the most influential sire of modern times, was put down yesterday at the age of 29.

S10,000 but that figure rapidly soared as success followed success, with Nijinsky, the Triple Crown winner of 1970, probably

age of 29.

A statement issued by Windfields Farm in Canada said that Northern Dancer, who gave up active stud duties in 1987, had suffered a severe bout of

A winner of seven of his nine races as a three-year old, including the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness Stakes. Northern Dancer stood throughout his stud career at Windfields Farm in Chesapeake City. His original stud fee was just Peyron (1m).

Bashful Boy for William Has-tings-Bass and Clairwil for Andre Fabre. Piggott travels on to Madrid tomorrow.

John Dunlop's Silk Petal (Willie Carson) finished third to

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, duelin

at Leonardstown's mixed meetat Leopardstown's mixed meeting tomorrow to equal the Irish record of 113 winners in a season, held by Michael Kinane. By the end of September Roche had built up a 26-winner leader over the six times Irish champion jockey Kinane, and is on the point of regaining the title which he himself had last held in 1983.

how, on the initial day of the linsh Flat season, Roche looks to have a banker with the Jim Bolger-trained Topanoora in the Sution race. He also has an each-way chance on stable companion Sunset Partner in the Backeley. Court Hotel

has picked up on the John Gosden-trained Rudjig in the NCB Leopardstown November Handicap.

Rudjig has collected a 3lb penalty for his win in the Trinity Stakes at Salisbury, but looks certain to go close. A danger could be Les Dencelles.

At Naas this afternoon, Fun 'N' Games should provide a further advertisement for the ability of his 20 lengths Leopardstown conqueror Mutare by winning the Sean

On The Other Hand, who has had two unlucky runs at Naas and Navan, may now bring to an end the winning sequence of Knockaire Stakes.

The chance of beating the record could therefore rest on an outside booking which Roche

Larchmont, successful in his last three starts, when the pair meet at near level weights in the Boston Handicap Chase.

TRANSERS: N Trider, 15 winners from 45 numbers, 31.3%; M H Esstartly, 19 from 85, 22.4%; January Pizzywald, 16 from 102, 15.7%; W Stephenson, 25 from 197, 14.2%; C Beever, 3 from 20, 11.5%; Orby qualifiers), JOCKEYS: A J Culm, 4 winners from 22 rides, 18.2%; M HB, 5 from 29, 17.2%; M Bronnean, 13 from 80, 16.3%; J J Culm, 5 from 38, 13.2%; G Bradley, 4 from 38, 10.5 Turner, 6 from 60, 10.0%.

Guest. By the early 1980s, many of Níjinsky's success in Europe encouraged the transfer of many more of Northern Dancer's offspring to Europe where they have played a pivotal role, both

this year. In all Northern Dancer was responsible for 630 tools, of which 143 were stakes winners and 44 champions in various countries. At one time he topped the sires' list on both performers such as Nureyev, topped the sires' lis Sadler's Wells, El Gran Senor, sides of the Atlantic.

CATTERICK BRIDGE

Selections

By Mandarin 12.45 Tres Amigos. 1.15 Stirting Express. 1.45 Trivet. 2.15 Tristan's Comet. 2.45 Miss Club Royal. 3.15 Pretty Gayle.

Going: good to firm 12,45 GOATHLAND NOVICES HURDLE (£1,360: 2m) (14 runners) P6 BUSY BOY 10 R Lumb 10-10_

5-2 Leftadio, 7-2 Tres Artigo, 9-2 Mantraki, 8-1 Master Dancer, 8-1 Canbrack Style, 12-1 Colin Seller, 14-1 others.

1.15 GOODWILL HURDLE (£1,826: 2m) (11)

Course specialists

Lyphard, Storm Bird and Be My

Northern Dancer's offspring had themselves become influen-tial stallions, a phenomena that grew as the decade progressed through the progeny of Sadler's Wells, Nijinsky, Lyphard and The Minstrel, who died earlier

1.45 WHITBY NOVICES CHASE (£2,028; 2m) (5)

6-4 Trivet, 2-1 Unged Member, 5-1 Mr Boston, 6-1 Lingham Mage, 20-1 Efficient. 2.15 CLEVELAND SELLING HURDLE (£1,856: 2m)

USV PRINKLIA ACAIN TF W Bentley 5-11-7 P Hestey (7)

127 PRINKLIA ACAIN TF W Bentley 5-11-7 O Bradley

P 8T CALDOC 51 W Storey 5-11-2 K Chocken

P4 MASCOONA 8T D Chapman 5-11-2 B Quertly

MCE MANA 23F P Blockley 5-11-2 P Midglety (7)

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14 RAINTON LEAR 18F T Berron 3-10-5 MR Breman 15 302 TRISTAN'S COMET 23 J Harris 3-10-5 Date McLeven 16 BLUSHING RED SIF N Byccoli 3-10-0 M Banday 17 F MCLLY'S MOVE 8 W SCORY 3-10-0 M Doctor 18 R MY LINOUADE 32 J Doctor 3-10-0 S Tarter 11-4 Arrazake, 4-1 Tristan's Cornet, 6-1 Maskoons, 13-2 Molly's Move, 10-1 Buckennara, St Cadoc, 12-1 Others. 2.45 DICK BREWITT MEMORIAL CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (\$2,635; 3m 11 80yds) (4)

1 0-3F BUSH RED 24 (BF,F,Q,S) W A Shiphanson 8-12-0 8h K July 2 121- NISS CLUB ROYAL 173 (F,Q) Jimmy Rizgentd 7-13 3 1713 DORONGUM 28 (F,Q,S) A Harrison 11-11-1 G. Bradley 4 FO, COMEDY FAIR 4F (Q,S) P. Blockley 10-10-0 ... C Kalled

11-8 Miss Club Royal, 15-8 Doronicum, 4-1 Irish Red, 10-1 Comedy Fair. 3.15 WOOD HOUSE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,856:

3 19-2 PRETTY GAYLE 10 (CD.F.G) J Eyre 8-10-12 A Risself) 4 2-14 MAJOR FREDIE 12 R MAJOR 6-10-12 P Williams (7) 5 AL SHANKKI 8 (G) R WOODROUS 7-10-1 ... J J Calma 6 PO-6 OLYMPUS REEF 23 P Days 5-10-0 ... Dale McKasowa 7 14-5 FAST FREEZE 12 (F) R Earnshow 4-10-0 3 Mason (7) 8 PO ORATORIO 757 (F.G.S) C Boover 7-10-0. Mr A Hambly 3-1 Pretty Geyle, 4-1 Ha'penny Nap, 6-1 Theress, Major Fredie, 10-1 Olympus Root, 12-1 Fast Freeze, 20-1 others.

 Jamie Osborne gained his eleventh winner in ten days when partnering Worthy Knight to a 7-1 victory in the Macer Gifford Handicap Chase at Huntingdon yesterday.

WARWICK

Selections

By Mandarin 1.0 DEEP SENSATION (nap). 1.30 Bee Garden. 2.0 Skipping Tim. 2.30 Miss Pokey. 3.0 Latent Talent. 3.30 Kennish Piper.

Going: good 1.0 ST MARY'S TRIAL HURDLE (£3,556: 2m) (9 1 363- ATLAAL 211 (D.F. 69) J Jankins 6-11-3 III Abern (1) 2 106- DEEP SENSATION 211 (D.G. 5) J Gifford 5-11-5 R Rose 3 10-1 SPRING HAY 22 (D.G. 5) D Nicholson 4-11-3

4 640- WORDER HAN 224 (D.C.S) Mrs. J. Plenan 5-11-3

1.30 BRANDON HANDICAP CHASE (£2,979: 2m)

| 10 | 13P-6 HARLEY STREET MAN 14 (D.F.Q.S) C Jackson 9-11-10 J Bryon 2 12P- FAMOUS LAD 211 (D.S) R Lee 7-11-6 J Shorit 3 112- MEMBERS' REVENUE 178 (D.F) S Christian 9-11-5 A Michiganitian 4 3 112- MEMBERS REVERSE 10-12-13 A Methodised
4 64-3 REE GARDEN 16 (8,CD,Q,S) P Belley 9-10-11 like Belley (7)
5 106- HARD STUFF 312 (C) D Nicholson 6-10-8 R Belley (6)
6 FP RESPITE 8 (D,P) B Byland 9-10-5 G Minth
7 174- TERRA DI SERIA 286 (F,Q,S) P Mobbs 8-10-5 C Minde (8)

8 2124 SOUTH POOL 25 (V,D,G) D Barons 6-10-5 9-4 Principian, 5-2 Terra di Siena, 9-2 Bee Garden, 6-1 South Pool, 10-1 Famous Lad, 12-1 Others. 2.0 TOWER HANDICAP CHASE (£4,527: 3m 1f) (4)

1 FOF- REMEDY THE MALADY 210 (D.F.G.S) M Robinson 9-11-10 J Degain 2 APU- FAIR CHILD 236 (D.F.G.S) D Murray Smith 10-11-7 P Verilog (3)
3 222- MISTER CHRISTIAN 256 (8.D.C.S) C Jemes 9-10-13
S Earle 4 1911 StOPPING TIM 12 (D.F.) M Pipe 11-10-8... R Dameously Evens Skipping Tim, 11-4 Mister Christian, 4-1 Fair Child, 5-1 Remedy The Malady.

Course specialists TRAINERS: WG M Turner, 3 winners from 11 runners, 27.3%; J Gifflord, 4 from 15, 28.7%; M Ploe, 28 from 117, 22.2%; N Geseles, 10 from 48, 21.7%; Mrs J Pitman, 20 from 94, 21.3%; G Baiding, 8 from 45, 17.3%; Mrs J Pitman, 20 from 94, 21.3%; G JOCKEYS: N Mann, 4 winners from 11 rides, 36.4%; M Pitman, 11 from 41, 28.8%; G.Upton, 4 from 16, 25.0%; R Rows, 4 from 19, 21.1%; A Adams, 3 from 17, 17.6%; M Bowiby, 5 from 32, 15.6%.

2.30 SIMON DE MONTFORD MARES ONLY HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,574: 2m 5f) (13) 13 POG- SNOWY AUTURN 271 J Old 6-10-0...... 3-1 Cinister, 4-1 Peristyle, 9-2 Cadiord Girl, 11-2 Cool Lawr, 6-1 Oublier L'Ennui, 8-1 Miss Pokey, 10-1 others.

3.0 BONUSPRINT NOVICES CHASE (£3,104: 2m 41) (16)

9 4P4- MARINER'S STAR 218 J Booley 8-11-5... 10 0,0- PADDY IN PARIS 394 J Needmin 7-11-5... 11 221- REPEAT THE DOSE 215 (F) T Etherington:

u open (ي 9-4 Forced March, 3-1 Latent Thient, 9-2 Kameo Style, 11-2 seat The Dose, 13-2 Brznoni, 16-1 others.

3.30 UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK TURF CLUB NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,360; 2m) (20)

18 29-9 ARIBEE 12 R Pescock 4-10-1 G Reight
19 48-0 FREST ADMIRAL 9 D Write 4-10-0 A Carrel
20 80-4 FAMELE 28 H Whiting 4-10-0 D Lace (7)
9-2 Kentish Ploer, 5-1 Yemsehita, St Elmo's Fire, 6-1 Little
Tom, 13-2 Kitchikoo, 8-1 Bold Cadet, 10-1 others.

Results from yesterday's three meetings

Going: good to firm

1.0 (2m 4f hole) 1, POLAR VISION (M
Perrett, 5-1): 2, East River (J Frost, 2-9
fav): 3, Inspired Love (W Morrin, 25-1).
ALSO RAN: 14 Arbse Twanty (5th), 100
First Top (4th), 5 ran. 6, 15, 724, 4t. C
Beey at Lambourn. Tota: 24.90; 21.30,
21.10. DP: £1.70. CSF: £5.41. 1.35 (Sm ch) 1. MR FRISK (M Armytage, 1-4 tay); 2. The Fruit (Mrs N Ledger, 25-1) 2. ALSO RAN: 3 Handy Trick (ur). 3 ran. Det. K Bailby at Upper Lambourn. Tota: 21.20. DF: 21.80. CSF: 23.78. 2.10 (2m ch) 1, STAR'S DELIGHT (M Perrett, Evene May); 2, SSIver Catalon (M Knene, 14-1). ALSO RAN: Evens (May Broad Beatri (f). 3 ran. 201. M Pipe at Wellington, Tols: 21.70. DF: 23.20. CSF: 28.72.

2.40 (2m 4f holis) 1, MORLEY STREET (J Frost, 4-5 fev); 2, Sebim du Lair (M Porrett, 5-2); 3, Brabieron (S Smith Eccles, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Calepare (5th). 40 Coworth Park (4m), 5 ran. 3, 13, 34, 50, G Batding at Weyf

3.10 (2m ch) 1. AFRICAN SAFARI (R Stronge, 7-2): 2. Deerman Spook (S Smith Eccles, 4-11 lav); 3. Assemble (G Moore, 7-1). 3 run. 6l. 12l. Mrs S Smith at Simpley. Tota: £3.70. DF: £1.60. CSF: £5.04.

3.40 (pm hdle) 1, ON HES OWN (L. Harvey, 4-1); 2, Boscoam Chieftain (M. Bowley, 14-1); 3, Cocintown Lnd (M. Perrett, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Babil (pu), 100-30 Sonny Hill Lad (co), 7 Marsh King (pu), 150 Etheo-Ess (40t), 7 cm. 8, dist, dist. H Alsh hurst at Whitcombe. Tota: 24.50; 21.80, 23.80. DF: £29.10. CSF: £4.50.6. hetmost \$2.50.80. Jackpot: £2,510,50. Placepot: £224,90.

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12.45 (2m hdie) 1, BETTER TIMES

ALEAD (G McCourt, 4-5 styl; 2,
Padeweshare (P Miven, 6-1); 3, Menry
Mester (Gee Armytage, 20-1); ALSO RAN:
5 The Part's Revenips, 15-2 Precipics Run
(44t), 8 Trublion, 10 Meadowale (8th, 25 Missey Secret, 50 Another Pruntsin.
Bibliosholme (I), King Floper, Mashard
6th, 12 mar. 151, 31, 31, 53, 54, G Richards
et Greyeloise, Tote: 21,50; 21.10, 21.50, 21.50, 21.50, 21.0, 22.10, OF: 22.50, Triest: 2105.14

20 (2m 100vd bible) 1, The WIDGET

5-2; 3. Waterlight (M Dwyer, 25-1). ALSO
RAN: 4-5 fav Brockine Grey (4th), 4
Premier Princises (pu), 65 Justice Les
(5th), 300 Work Mate (pu), 7 ren. 15, 31, 8,
dis. G. Richards at Greystoke. Total:
225.00; 2530, 21.70. DF; 247.60, CSF:
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225.00; 273.00 White, 9-4); ALSO RAN:
Evers for Tribute To Yourh (bd), 9-4 Don't
Tell Rain (f), 20 Alchemic (ur), Tamatour
(i), 5-ran. N Henderson at Lambourn. Total:
23.00; 22.70. DF; 21.30 CSF: 22.53.

2.20 (2m ch) 1, ASTRE RADIEUX (0 McCourt, 5-4 tay); 2, Marcurius (8 Storey, 12-1); 3, Anticous (1. Wyer, 13-9), ALSO RAN: 4 Boutzdaroff (f), 4 rpn. NR: Greenheurt, Deep Flash, 12), 62, 3 Mellor at Swinciot, Tota: £2.30; £2.20, DF: £5.70, CSF: £10.66.

3.20 (3m 2) Indie) 1, HARDHERO (C Grant, 9-1); 2, Japany (dig (A Lamach, 3-1); 3, Breaking Dasm (N Doughty, 5-2), ALSO RAN: 9-4 to Half Older (4th), 8 An Jim Led (5th), 18 Aira Jennifer, 50 Emmadii (6th), 7 ran. 114, 25, 44, 11, 114, Denys Smith at Bahop Auckland, 70to: 28.80; 52.10, 52.80, DF: 57.50, CSP: 534.52

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1.0 (2m 100yd hdie) 1, SGLIARE ONE (.)
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tury, ALSO RANE & Golden Isle, 10 Golden
Virlage, 12 Prime Warrier (pu), 14
Saymore (4th), 16 Asbett, Squeeze Me,
20 Tiger Tiger (5th), Ever Sharp (pu),
Sister Chabries (f), 33 Albert Pieze (f),
Anung (8th), Fragrant Fedow (pu), Highland Laird, Murminy, Crotan Boy (pu),
Cougar (ur), 19 ran. NR: Space Lab,
Woodbinds Grey, Shind, 25, 154, 151, 151,
T Forsier at Latcombe Bassett, Totes
19.80; 24.70, 21.70, 21.50, DF: £44.50,
GSF: £104.21.

21.50. DF: 24.50. CSF: 27.59.

1.15 (3m 110yd ch) 1, PAT'S JESTER (N Doughty, 2-7 first): 2, Jose Baby (D Byrne, 16-1; 3, Hostelle, 20-1; 3, Hoste

McCouri, 5-4 tav); 2, Mercurius (6 Storry, 12-1); 3, Antinove (L Wyer, 13-5). ALSD RANE 4 Soutzdaroff (f), 4 nm. NR: Greenheart, Deap Flash, 12, 8, 8 Melor at Swindon. Tota £2.30; £2.20. DF: £5.70. CSP: £10.66.

2.50 (2m 4f ch) 1, BAD TRADE (A Lamach, 5-4 tav); 2, Capta Attraction (N Lamch, 7-2); 3, Toddish Hame (A Perker, 15-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 Infinity Rules (4th), 9-2 Chipchase (ur.), 50 knows (pul.), 57 nm. cts, 20, 11/1. W A Stephenson at Bishop Auclitand. Tota: £1.80; £2.00, £2.50. DF: £1.20. CSP: £10.86.

3.30 (3m ch) 1. RAMBLING ECHO (M. Jones, 4-1); 2, Fleste Denoe (Gary Lyons, 11-2); 3, Aberroy (J. Ryen, 3-1 fav). ALSO RAM: 9-2 Cur Survivor (put, 5 Cona Gen (f), 8 Gary Moore (4th), 20 Wise Cracker (5th), 7 ran. ½1, 21, 5i, 8i. R. Dickin at Newest. Total: 54.10; 52.70, 52.00. DF: £13.80. CSF: £23.07.

● Twin Oaks, a 33-1 chance, competed a 771/s-1 treble for Gordon Richards when cruising to a 15-length success over Judges Fancy in the Lang Whang Hurdle at Ayr yesterday.
The Greystoke trainer had captured the first two events with
Better Times Ahead and Pat's



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SHARES were firm in midmorning activity. Lower crude oil prices, talk of an easing in credit by the Federal Reserve and good rises in the bond market provided support, but some profit-taking trimmed

The Dow Jones industrial average was 10 points ahead at 2,555.05 after being 15 points up. Rising shares outnumbered fails by about seven to four in the general market.

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but off their lows after a day of relatively thin trading. The Nikkei average closed down 315.85 points, or 1.34 per cent, at 23,171.63 with 300 million shares traded, udchanged from Thursday. Hong Kong — Stocks ended higher but Gulf worries continued to limit turnover, brokers said. The Hang Seng index rose 18.19 points to

3,008.66. The broader-based Hong Kong index gained 11.76 points to 1,973.50. (Reuter) Nov 16 Nov 15 midday dose

Industry analysts define a blockbuster as a drug capable of generating hundreds of millions of dollars annually.

Zantac, Glazo's anti-ulcer Nov 16 Nov 15 middey close treatment, is one of the best selling drugs in the world, but the group must continually develop drugs to keep profits advancing. Glaxo finished 12p

coronary

lower at 779p.
Wellcome continued to lose ground, falling 151/2p to 368p, in the wake of Thursday's disappointing profits news. Analysts have downgraded their estimates of pre-tax profits for the current year from £420 million to between £360 million and £330 million.

GLAXO'S chief executive, Dr

Ernest Mario, was left nursing

Sumatriptan, Glaxo's new

anti-migraine drug, had side-effects which could delay the

drug's regulatory approval.
Tests at Harefield Hospital

in Middlesex, suggested that

the drug may constrict the

feed the heart muscles with fresh blood.

Glaxo applied for worldwide licences for Sumatriptan this year after Dr Mario

declared: "It is going to be a

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The rest of the equity market ended the account on a firm note, continuing to shrug aside political and econom worries, including the latest inflation figures. Dealers reported selective support although a dull start to trading on Wall Street saw prices close below their best. The FT-SE 100 index closed 8.0 points higher at 2,068.0 - a rise on the account of 37.3 points.

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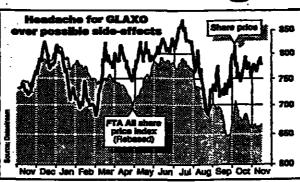
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STOCK MARKET

Glaxo falls on claims over new drug



The FT index of 30 shares also rose 15.2 to 1,614.8, but turnover remained subdued million shares

Traders had to contend with an hour-long computer break-down which left their trading screens blank as well as a fire at the offices of BZW.

A steadier performance by the pound enabled govern-ment securities to score gains of almost £1/2 at the longer end. Trusthouse Forte rose 5p to 265p after a presentation for analysts and fund managers group headed by George arranged by James Capel, the Walker, rose 4p to 95p after broker. The group believes confirmation of a last-minute analysts and fund managers that demand for hotel rooms

will grow by I per cent next year but expects capacity to increase by 7 per cent. The inability to utilise this extra capacity caused alarm among some brokers.

Next, the troubled fashionwear retailer, saw its shares touch an all-time low of 19/2p before rallying to close 3p cheaper at 22p. James Capel is said to have tried unsuccessfully to place a line of 3 million shares on behalf of a

Brent Walker, the leisure

schedule debts and prevent the group from going to the wall. The deal, signed in the early hours of Friday, includes a one-year standstill on repayments on the group's £1.2 billion of borrowings.

Recal Electronics feil 4p to 186p as investors continued to express disappointment at the long delay expected in the restructuring of the group. Sir Ernest Harrison, the chairman, has announced plans to demerge Racal's interests in Racal Telecom and Chubb and then arrange a manage-ment buyout for the rest of the company. Racal Telecom recovered a fall to close un-

The building sector recovered its poise after some early ressure. BZW has turned bearish about British construction companies extensive interests in America where there has been a deterioration in conditions recently. Prospects for the rest of the year and most of next remain bleak.

changed at 284p.

It has downgraded a number of companies but there seemed to be little immediate effect. George Whapey fell 3p to 205p, Pilkington ip to 144p and Evered 2p to 77p. But there were gains for Barratt Developments, 1p to 97p, Marley, 2p to 99p, Blue Circle Industries, 3p to 345p, Wolse-ley, 3p to 280p, Steetley, 9p to 345p and Redland, 6p to 526p, while Rugby Group was unchanged at 134p.

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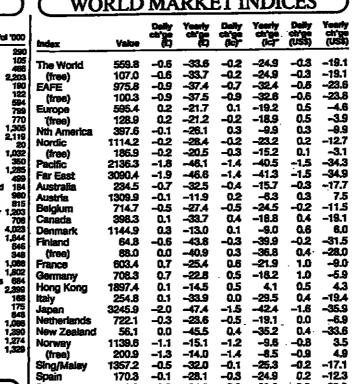
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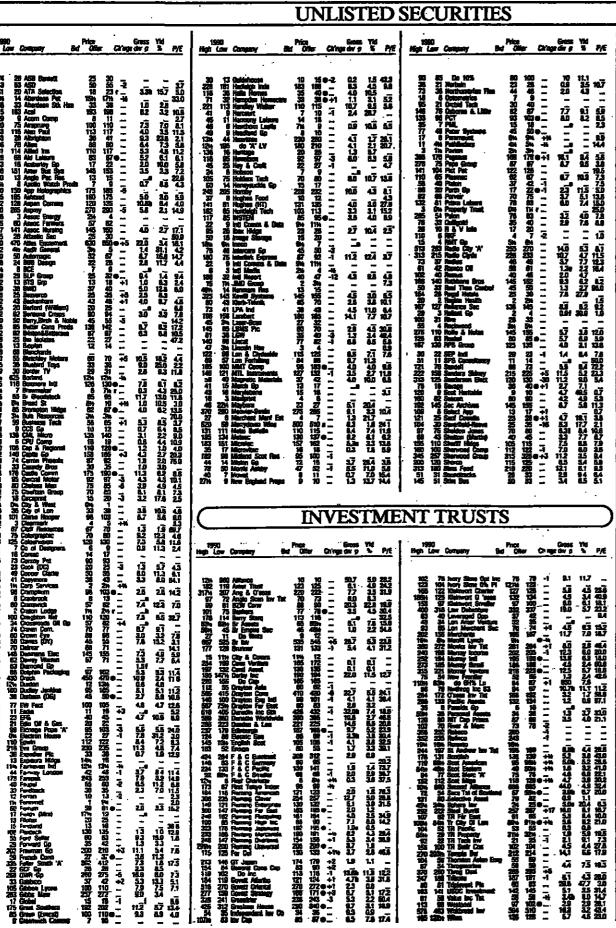
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Invesco in \$72m pensions takeover

By OUR CITY STAFF

INVESCO MIM, the fund management group, is paying up to \$72.7 million for Primeo, an American pension fund manager already controlled by a group of invesco's senior managers. The group also gave a warning that profits in the second half of the year would be lower than the £15.1 million made in the first half of 1990.

Primco sells guaranteed income contracts, or tax-efficient, fixed-interest pension plans. Ratan Engineer, Invesco's finance director, said the group had to buy the company to fill a gap in its product range in America.

Primco was founded in 1985, has \$5.67 billion under management and made a pre-tax profit of \$2.42 million last

Half the company is owned by Charles Brady and Wendell Starke, two Invesco directors, and other American employees. Invesco Solutions, a subsidiary of Invesco MIM, will sell Primco's plans to companies who want to opt out of corporate pension schemes and offer their employees personal pensions. The group is paying an initial \$21.1 million in three instalments until 1992. Primco's owners will also receive

two profit-related payments worth up to \$31.6 million.
Finally, they will be given up to \$20 million, depending on the assets in Invesco Solutions by March, 1995.
Invesco plans to find the acquisition, from each area. acquisition from cash generated from its existing American operations. Mr Engineer denied the deal was expensive.

· Because of the size and the conflict of interest in the company, shareholders will be asked to vote on it at an

extraordinary meeting.
The acquisitions will allow Invesco Solutions to offer the full range of personal pensions to companies which want to wind down their corporate funds. Mr Engineer said the profit warning was not serious and that the City had expected

PowerGen chairman goes after dispute

By MARTIN WALLER

ROBERT Malpas has resigned as chairman of PowerGen, the electricity gen-erator, after a boardroom dispute, presenting the gov-ernment with another embarrassment in its privatisation of the power industry.

His resignation, apparently at the prompting of John Wakeham, the energy sec-retary, after pressure from the PowerGen board, comes just before the 12 electricity distributors in England and Wales are due to priced. He is to be replaced by Sir Graham Day, chairman of Rover Group and a non-executive director of PowerGen.

Mr Wakeham last night refused to discuss the circumstances of the departure but said it was amicable. "Tve written a warm letter of appreciation to Bob Malpas for his contribution to the company and I'm delighted that Sir Graham Day has

taken it on," he said, There had been rumours of a rift between Mr Malpas and the rest of the PowerGen board, headed by Ed Wallis, the chief executive, since this summer's abortive bid for the company by Hanson, the industrial conglomerate.

PowerGen said yesterday that Sir Graham's appointment followed "a review of the role of the chairman in the company's affairs". The generator, itself set for flotation in three months, is clearly exchanging a chairman who had put in a full working week for one whose involvement will be limited.

Sir Graham is also chairman of Cadbury-Schweppes and divides his time between this and his work for British Aerospace and Rover, its wholly-owned subsidiary.

the car group, already the main call on his time at BAe, would be unchanged and that he would therefore have to cut back on his responsibilities as a non-executive director of BAe to find time for package had noticeably PowerGen. The terms of Mr strengthened Mr Wallis's pos-

building firms.

take action now.

In what it calls a "grim prediction", the Confeder-

ation of Construction Special-

ists calls for an immediate cut

in interest rates in a letter to

Mr Major, and it urges him to

The forecast is one of the

gloomiest yet issued by any

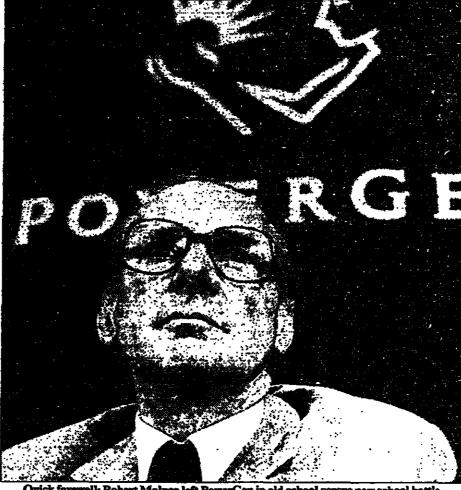
sector of the economy in the

downturn and follows new

government figures which

have risen 23 per cent in the

three months to end-Septem-



Quick farewell: Robert Malpas left PowerGen in old school versus new school battle

a compensation package of not far short of £500,000 of taxpayers' money.

He is thought to have been earning more than £150,000, on a three-year contract which dated from the industry restructuring in March.

Clashes are thought to have been developing for some Rover made it clear yes-terday that his commitment to and his chief executive, not least over the chairman's hands-on style of management, which is likely to have crowded Mr Wallis out.

At the same time, his ability to put together a buyout

A QUARTER of all construc- ber. John Huxtable, the of the year and before further

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erGen are under negotiation, given him fresh confidence.
but he is likely to be entitled to
a compensation package of resignation. John Wilson, not far short of £500,000 of electricity analyst at UBS-Phillips & Drew, said: "I think friction must have developed after the Hanson bid."

Mr Wallis and much of the on the affair. senior management come from the old Central Electric-Malpas, a former managing director of BP, had always been seen as an intruder.

"It has to be a clash between Wallis and Malpas, with Wallis as the old school and Malpas rather the new school, and there's a lot of old school behind the board," Mr Wilson

A board meeting was told replacement.

The confederation admits

pects to close in the recession

reformed, and some will have

There will, however, also be

"very many long-established,

well-managed companies of

substance driven to financial

extinction during the reces-

The loss of skilled and

experienced teams will mean

that construction will be "ill-

prepared to meet the needs of

the economy when activity

picks up again".

been badly managed.

Malpas's departure from Pow- ition in the company and early yesterday that Mr left his office.

Government advisers to the float were putting a brave face

"As far as we're concerned, the regional electricity comity Generating Board. Mr panies' flotation is unaffected," one adviser said.

The company, in restructur Observers say next Wednesing its debts, has had to borrow again at higher interest day's impact day will now have to carry the double burden of a Tory party leaderrates than those in its earlier financing arrangements. Brent Walker is also pledged to ship poll the day before and the departure of a senior make at least £50 million from industry figure, mitigated by disposals by the end of next the availability of a chairman of Sir Graham's calibre as

Two asset sales already arranged are included in that figure. These are understood Builders fear 25% bankruptcies to take it to not far short of

£50 million.

half the total needed. The directors said yesterday they were confident that level

last

minute

reprieve

By MARTIN WALLER

BRENT Walker, the property

and leisure combine, has

reached a last-minute agree-

ment with its bankers over a

refinancing agreement to

stave off a complete collapse.

standstill for loan repayments

Arrangements were an-

nounced yesterday, the last day that would allow the

vertible capital bonds issue to

Had the issue not gone

The listing particulars to the

bond issue showed that Brent

Walker had debts of almost £128 million to be repaid over

the next few months. Refin-

ancing has exacted a heavy

The company said that

delays in its disposal programme had contributed to

mounting debts. As a result,

and given the cost of the new

financing arrangements, fi-nance charges would be

Analysts have been waiting

for the completion of the refinancing and for the shareholders' agreement to the

new bond issue, so that they

could revise their forecasts

Lindsay Russell at Barclays

de Zoete Wedd is looking for

just £70 million pre-tax for the

current year to end-December.

This is against an earlier forecast of almost £100 mil-

lion, while Miss Russell's forecast for 1991 is for only

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The agreement involves a

of disposals was achievable. Most exposed to a collapse of Brent Walker is Standard Chartered Bank, which is believed to be owed £154 million, the loss of which could have grave repercussions. Standard Chartered is thought to have rallied less exposed banks behind the refinancing.

The directors said they believed that assuming the proceeds of the disposals and the bond issue are received, the new financial arrangements would be sufficient until the end of next year.

Over the next three months. Brent Walker and its banks will continue to consider what arrangements are needed to provide financing over the

Brent in [BUSINESS ROUNDUP Wiggins Group plans to resume trading

WIGGINS Group, the London Docklands property group whose shares were suspended at 38p in March, will resume trading from December 11 if shareholders approve a reconstruction package, the group said yesterday. Wiggins reported a loss of £13.5 million for the year to end-March against a profit of £7 million for the previous year. There is no dividend and losses per share have been calculated at 76p against 35.2p of earnings.

The group has a new £84 million banking facility and is to

sell part of its South Quay development to a director for £0.5 million. It will ask shareholders to approve the joint venture with Newarthill announced in August and the recent sale of Arrowhead Quay, a Docklands hotel development, for £17.75 million. No profit is expected for the current financial

Midway fall for Wilshaw

company's controversial con-WILSHAW, the industrial and engineering products holding company, suffered a fall in pre-tax profits from £909,000 to £574,000 in the shareholders who cleared it at six months to end-Septema meeting this week, its continued survival could not ber after a jump in interest costs from £123,000 to £565,000. Earnings per share slipped from 0.78p to 0.49p, although the interim dividend is maintained at 0.1p. Guy Askham, the chairman, said that the outlook for the second half is uncertain.

SW Wood is

back in black

SW WOOD, the former steel

trading group, is back in the black with a pre-tax profit of £32,000 for the half-year to end-September, against last time's £1.92 million loss. An exceptional profit of £101,000 arose from the closure of the depot in Wellingborough, Northamptonshire. Earnings per share stand at 0.4p, against a 15.5p loss previously. Once again, there is no interim

Surrey Group cash call
SURREY Group, the bookmaker that came to the USM in
December, slipped into the red at half time. It plans to raise

£2.5 million through a five-for-nine rights issue at 6p per share. Proceeds will help cut borrowing and help expansion.

The group has increased its betting shops to 64 from 34, lifting borrowings to £5.8 million. Pre-tax loss to end-September was £198,000, compared with a £138,000 profit last time. Turnover rose to £18.2 million (£10.9 million). Interest payments rise from £90,000 to £160,000. Loss per share is 0.24p (earnings of 0.27p previously). There is no interim dividend. interim dividend.

Tamaris loses UPL cuts loss £460,000

TAMARIS, the nursing UPL GROUP, the specialist homes group, sank to a pre-tax loss of £460,000 in the six months to end-September, against profits of £14,000. Turnover grew from £1.5 million to £2.05 million. The group has sold its Westacre Nursing Home, giving an extraordinary credit of £241,000, which enabled the

to £15,000

food importer and distriblosses from £330,000 to £15,000 in the six months to end-July. Turnover fell from £6.69 million to £4.91 million. Operating profit was £117,000, compared with a loss of £238,000 last time, but interest payments rose from £92,000 to £132,000. group to pay its preference dividend. Loss per share was 8.57p (1.05p). Once again, there is no interim dividend.

Enterprise oil strike

ENTERPRISE Oil, the exploration and production company, has struck oil off Vietnam, a promising frontier area. During tests a well in block 17 flowed at rates of about 300 barrels a day. Drilling has been suspended while Enterprise assesses whether to stimulate the production rate.

The company holds 77.5 per cent of blocks 17 and 21,

which are equidistant from Vietnam's largest oil discovery, the Dai Hung field. Its partner in both blocks, with 22.5 per cent, is Compagnie Européene des Pétroles.

Gates interim TT in £9.7m profits fall

the east London Ford main dealer, fell 13p to 68p after the company unveiled a decline in half-year profits. Pre-tax profits fell from £1.25 million to £553,000 in the six months to end-June, on turnover down from £44.6 million to £37.3 million. Earnings per share are reduced from 3.88p to 1.71p. Interest payments rise from £480,000 to £739,000. There

share issue

ing company, which in August won the £19 million battle for Crystalate, the electronics group, has asked shareholders to put up £9.7 million through an issue of convertible preference shares. One share costs 100p, yielding a dividend of 10.875 per cent for each 6.25 TT ordinary share. John Newman and Nicholas Shipp, with 33 per cent of TT, are is no interim dividend again. not taking up the offer.

Borrie is rebuffed by Lilley

PETER Lilley, the trade secretary, has rejected evidence from Sir Gordon Borrie, the director general of fair trading, that International Stock Exin the publication of the details of big share trades are anti-competitive.

The exchange permitted deals above £100,000 to be published overnight, rather than immediately, in an emergency move after the October, 1987 crash. The exchange now plans to bring in new rules limiting any delay to 90 minutes.

Sir Gordon indicated in April that he had reservations about the new rules, although they were an improvement.

Milan SE strike

The National Association of Bourse Floor Traders called an indefinite strike on the Milan stock exchange to protest against the government's delay in approving legislation to reform the stock market and proposed changes to a capital gains tax decree.

Owen loses £1m

Owen & Robinson slumped to a pre-tax loss of £1.28 million in the six months to end-July, against profits of £117,000 last time. The loss per share was 11.57p_against earnings of 0.33p. The interim dividend is held at 0.15p.

Ferrari setback Ferrari Holdings slid into a pre-tax loss of £390,000 in the six months to end-June, against a profit of £604,000 in the nine months to end-June, 1989. The loss per share is 2.5p, against earnings of 2.9p, said: "ECC and ABB will each continue to review the options while the fully diluted loss continue to review the options carnings for all 1990 will grow stood at 23p. Once again, these discussions." ABB reso far this year. stood at 2.3p. Once again,

Anti-trust delay for ECC purchase

showed that company failures jor to cut rates and "not just at

By COLIN CAMPBELL

rope's biggest electrical group, has run into delays in completing the \$520 million sale of its Georgia Kaolin business in America to ECC Group (formerly English China Clays).

The parties say this is approval has not yet been Under their agreement

made in May, both the buyer and the seller of Georgia Kaolin had the right yesterday to terminate the agreement. However, both groups said neither has exercised the right, and that talks between them and the Department of Justice continue. An ECC statement in revenues 3 per cent.

ASEA Brown Boveri, Eu- ported a pre-tax income of rope's biggest electrical group, \$746 million (\$601 million) for the nine months ended September on total orders of \$21.3 billion (\$15.9 billion). The group's order book stood at \$24.9 billion on September

There was strong earnings because American anti-trust growth by the power transmission, power distribution, environmental control and financial services segments, but the transportation division reported lower earn-

Excluding acquisitions, asset sales and exchange rate fluctuations, the nine months increase in orders was approximately 7 per cent and

available to it in the light of in line with the levels achieved

Heath pays £18m for B&C brokers

By NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

Commonwealth Insurance Brokers. It will pay up to £18 The acquisition will trans-million in a deal that will form Heath from its role as a expand its retail subsidiary

BCIB has 15 offices, mainly in the south and southwest of England. These will com-plement Heath's own 26branch network, which is strongest in East Anglia, the

lion last year, and although only marginally profitable at a profit of £3 million a year.

The sale marks the latest

CE HEATH, the insurance price is well above the compabroker, has agreed terms for ny's net assets of £8.5 million its acquisition of British & and is one of the successful

Major: help requested

disposals to date. The acquisition will transwholesale broker. It will now earn 45 per cent of its annual revenue of £40 million from lower margin retail business. Heath is paying for BCIB by issuing 2.84 million shares at

427p each. Hambros, the merchant bank, is taking up most north and Scotland.

The company generated brokerage income of £14 mil
remaining 995,000 shares are being issued to a new employee share ownership plan present, has potential to make for Heath's senior executives.

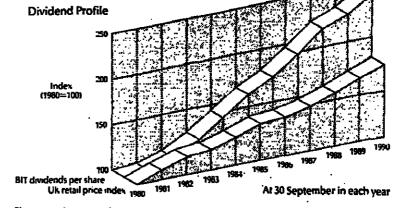
The company is paying £11.75 million now and up to stage in the dismemberment £6.25 million in May next of British & Commonwealth, year, depending on BCIB's the financial services group, assets. Heath will use borrow-after it collapsed this year. The ing facilities to pay the rest.



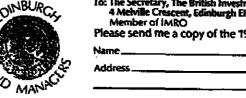


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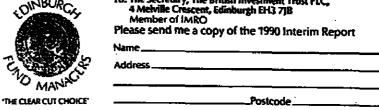
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Yacht hire buyout set to please the rich million. The purchase is likely to win is unlisted, but is likely to run to

By JON ASHWORTH

WHAT do Robert Maxwell, Tiny Rowland and King Juan Carlos of Spain have in common? They all have a passion for sleek, multimillion pound yachts, preferably stocked with the latest electronic gadgets and dripping in gold, onyx and hand-

woven silk. When they decide to hire out their craft, they will almost certainly turn to Camper & Nicholsons, the world's oldest established yachting company, which has tightened its grip on the market by buying Halsey Marine, one of its oldest rivals. Wealthy fun-lovers should now have little trouble finding an excuse for a week or two in the sun - although it may cost them \$30,000 a

The deal is a coup for Camper & Nicholsons, since with one stroke it

and enlarged its already impressive list of yachts available for charter. Many of the top 300 luxury yachts available were listed in both

Nicholas Edmiston, the company's managing director, is delighted with

"Halsey was one of our main rivals, and it is extremely good for us to have brought it under our control. The Halsey directors were quite keen to move on and do other things, and the whole thing took about a month to complete."

The former Halsey business will be relocated in Berkeley Street, London, where Camper & Nicholsons arranges

many of its charters. The deal — mainly consisting of the a satellite communication system is company's name, lists and goodwill—
is believed to have cost at least £1 on hand to keep business executives in touch with world affairs. The price

a nod of approval from the film stars, musicians and media magnates who either own the luxurious yachts or like to charter them for an occasional twoweek break.

"We do get the Donald Trumps, although many of our clients are much richer," says Mr Edmiston, who admits that the reward for the company is 15 per cent commission on the price of a charter.

in Camper & Nicholsons's catalogue is Robert Maxwell's Lady Ghislaine, a 180-foot floating palace, which boasts a gymnasium, disco and a luxurious outdoor dining area.
The four tailor-made bedrooms are stocked with televisions and hi-fi, and

One of the most sought-after names

\$200,000 a week. One of the most prized yachts of all

is Shenandoah, a 150-foot threemaster schooner built in 1902 for Gibson Fahnestock, the Wall Street financier, and billed as one of the finest classic craft on the market. It appeared in both catalogues, and is available for \$41,200 a week. From its roots as a builder of fine

luxury yachts, Camper & Nicholsons has branched out into brokerage and charter throughout the world. Its main offices are in London, Cannes, Monte Carlo, Palma and Tokyo, with a new office opening in Antibes next year, and the Halsey deal will improve its links in America and the Caribbean.

Its London base aside, Halsey had offices in Florida, Connecticut and

Pao cancels cable TV for Hong Kong after satellite shock

HONG Kong Cable Communications (HKCC), a consort-ium led by Sir YK Pao's Wharf group, has abandoned its HK\$5.5 billion (£361 million) franchise to set up cable television and a second telecommunications network in

The group failed to block Hutchison Whampoa, led by Li Ka Shing, from launching satellite broadcasting services. HKCC has said that any use of communal satellite dishes in Hong Kong violates the cable project's exclusive rights and restricts its viability.

The group said yesterday it had decided not to go ahead with the project for "business reasons". Plans for a second network, which could compete with that run by Hong Kong Telecom, the Cable and

for recreation and culture, said the decision was "not a blow for Hong Kong" and that the government would consider new options. HKCC would

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when Hutchison, part-owner not be permitted to air pro-Wireless subsidiary, have also of a satellite, announced plans to beam programmes to Hong ese dialect for three years, and Kong, HKCC cried foul and were restricted from relying lobbied for the government to ban satellite services. Satellite finance their operations. broadcasting was allowed, but The news further desta-with licensing conditions to bilised the cable consortium, protect the cable project.

mainly on Hong Kong to

which had been plagued by not face a penalty, he said.

Last month, officials said talk of disunity among Problems emerged in April satellite broadcasters would international shareholders. Last month, officials said talk of disunity among its

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reassure customers who might otherwise shy away from the ailing carrier. The two airlines will also share frequent-flier programmes and co-ordinate timetables to feed each other's flights to New York, Miami, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago and Denver.

A shared frequent-flier programme is considered the most important part of the agreement for Pan Am and is expected to generate an additional \$100 million in annual

UNITED Airlines has guaranteed \$100 million worth of United deal is still subject to Pan American tickets as part approval from the British and American governments.

Patrick Murphy, a deputy assistant secretary at the transportation department, said: flying to London. "It's a major transaction."

The move is expected to Jeffrey Kriendler, a Pan American spokesman, said he expected British approval would be harder to achieve.

> In exchange for approving the route transfer to a stronger United Airlines, Britain is likely to seek better access to cities in America. (NYT) Scandinavian Airlines System said that Amadeus and Sabre, two big computerised travel-services firms, have

Sunday in Sunderland from October. signed a co-operation pact to provide joint access to each States and in Europe.

Contract printing aids news company

By MARTIN BARROW

CONTRACT printing and convenience store retailing helped to offset a decline in advertising revenue at Ports-mouth and Sunderland Newspapers. The company has returned interim profits virtually unchanged at £3.11 million before tax, against £3.02

During the 26 weeks to the end of September, overall advertising revenues fell 3.9

An 11.6 per cent increase in the North only partially com-pensated for a decline of 7.9 per cent in southern England, which normally accounts for 75 per cent of total revenues.

Further expansion of the company's contract printing business and the addition of cight new convenience stores. helped turnover advance 7.9 per cent to £43.3 million and trading profits by 7.1 per cent to £2.67 million.

Portsmouth and Sunderland Newspapers has 60 Earnings fell from 18.5p a

share to 16.8p, reflecting a return to a normal tax charge after last year's unsually low charge, which arose from a prior year tax adjustment. The dividend is increased from 2.26p a share to 2.60p.

Charles Brims, chief execrtive, said that there was now evidence that growth in advertising revenues in Sun-derland and Hartlepool had peaked as the downturn in consumer spending spread its effects into the north of the country.

Action had been taken to contain costs in the publishing division, including the closure of three loss-making free newspapers in Croydon.

Redundancy and closure costs resulted in an extraordinary charge of £531,000. Contract printing would benefit from a contract to print northern editions of the

Daily Mail and the Mail on

The overall outlook for the year was, however, "increasingly uncertain" and depended on the depth and spread of the economic recession and its impact on advertising revenue in the

Harrison's buyout tactic raises the stakes for Racal predators

ir Ernest Harrison is a winner, in business and on the racecourse. A chartered accountant with entrepreneurial skills and strategic business vision, he has taken Racal Electronics, which Sir Ray Brown founded after leaving Plessey in 1950, to the front rank of the British electronics industry. His acquisition of Decca, when he outmanoeuvered Lord Weinstock, was brilliantly timed and shrewdly executed.

He saw the enormous scope of mobile telecommunications before any of his rivals, and proceeded to build Vodafone, the world's largest cellular telephone business. In 1988, he prevented Cable and Wireless from coming forward with a bid for Racal by floating off 20 per cent of Racal Telecom, which became a separately quoted company in which Racal Electronics retained 80 per cent.

But as he demonstrated on Monday morning, Sir Ernest still has the capacity to surprise, or more accurately in this instance, to shock. After a board meeting on Sunday, and apparently without the benefit of advice or advisers, Racal made a bald statement that because the price of Racal Electronics shares had consistently failed to reflect the full value of its 80 per cent stake in Racal Telecom, it proposed to "demerge" its Racal Telecom shares by distributing them

free to Racal Electronics shareholders. Furthermore, a new public company would be formed out of Racal Security and its shares would also be handed out free to Racal Electronics shareholders. For good measure, Sir Ernest would then lead a management buyout for the much-diminished Racal Electronics.

As was later hastily explained, for "an appropriate time" after the demerger, Racal Electronics would remain a publicly quoted company in order to establish a value for the businesses it still retained.

The Racal board is staying tightlipped until December 12, which is a generous time for speculation to continue. It appears that one large buyer has been building up a significant shareholding in Racal Electronics but there is no evidence yet that a bid is

The predator names on most lips are Hanson and AT&T. Hanson is a particularly strong rumour. Hanson applied originally for a cellular licence, and the strong cashflow Racal Telecom will begin generating in two years' time



when its heavy investment programme is completed would appeal automati-

cally to Hanson. I would not rule out GEC, where Lord Weinstock, whose relationship with Sir Ernest is courteous rather than warm, is fully aware that mobile communications is the great wave of the future, even though the going is

hard at present.

He is also interested in security, as is Colin Southgate at Thorn EMI. Racal Chubb has a large turnover but makes relatively small profits and is not one of Sir Ernest's great successes.

Though there is no published record of Sir Ernest having mentioned a management buyout before, his concern about the negative worth, in stock exchange terms, of Racal Electronics is certainly not new. Parts of that company, for example, the safety business, which is already making £3 million pre-tax profits and expects to make £10 million within five years, are under-

A management buyout would make eminent sense for those who backed it, and Sir Ernest would have no shortage of backers, or cash, keen to share the equity. They have no doubt been on the telephone to him already. Maybe he simply sees a management buyout as an opportunity to become seriously rich. I doubt it. Neither concern for the undervaluation of Racal Electronics shares nor the main chance theory can possibly explain the abruptness and insensitivity of Monday's statement. It has aroused suspicion and hostility

among Racal's institutional shareholders, who have already made up their minds that they want a say in fixing the price of any management buyout.

wo years ago, Sir Ernest ve-hemently resisted the attempt of Shelby Bryan, chairman of Millicom, the American company that is Racal's largest independent stakeholder, to drive home the logic of demerging Racal Telecom completely. Mr Bryan argued that demerging 20 per cent of the shares would lead to a double discount on Racal Electronics shares. He was right and Sir Ernest's

guess is that an MBO is unlikely to happen, not because of shareholder opposition but because a bidder or

bidders will intervene, It is possible, if Machiavellian, that Monday's statement is a "for sale" notice, inviting interested and suitable bidders to apply. After all, Sir Ernest, at e 64, has had a long innings and the rest of the team, as they would admit, are not in his class. He would also prefer watching his horses run to watching the

electronics game from the pavilion. he likeliest explanation for Sunday's board meeting is the obvious one: Racal believes a bid is coming and it wanted to raise the stakes before the contest

I believe that someone will strike, but I think not yet, instead waiting for the demerger of the 80 per cent of Racal Telecom and then bidding just for that

With both Racal Electronics and Racal Telecom shares selling at about 17 times estimated earnings to March 1991, neither company can be bought

But in Racal Telecom, there is one of the most important, significant and profitable businesses in the world. Few other leading businesses are likely to grow as fast as cellular telephones and

data networks. Racal's 25-year cellular licence is unique, and seriously regulated only by competition in the market, if there is an auction, the winning offer would be high. Racal Electronies went to 205p immediately after Monday's statement, They have come back to about 186p but I reckon a successful bid would be in

the 250p to 275p range.
It would be an extraordinary landmark in the history of the British electronics industry if the Racal twins were to be taken over. As independent companies, Plessey has gone, so has Ferranti and STC is about to go in an agreed £1.9 billion bid from Northern Telecom, the Canadian company. Only GEC (and for the moment Racal) is lett of the five leading British electronics

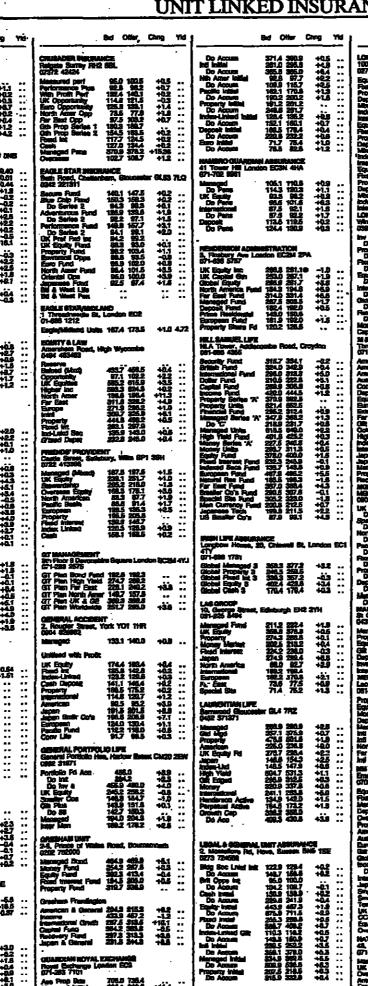
Would Lord Weinstock, having acquired Piessey and Ferranti, go for the triple crown? GEC has the cash to develop the Racal telecommunications business. Lord Weinstock would not like the dilution of earnings but that would be temporary and it did not deter him from bidding for Plessey.

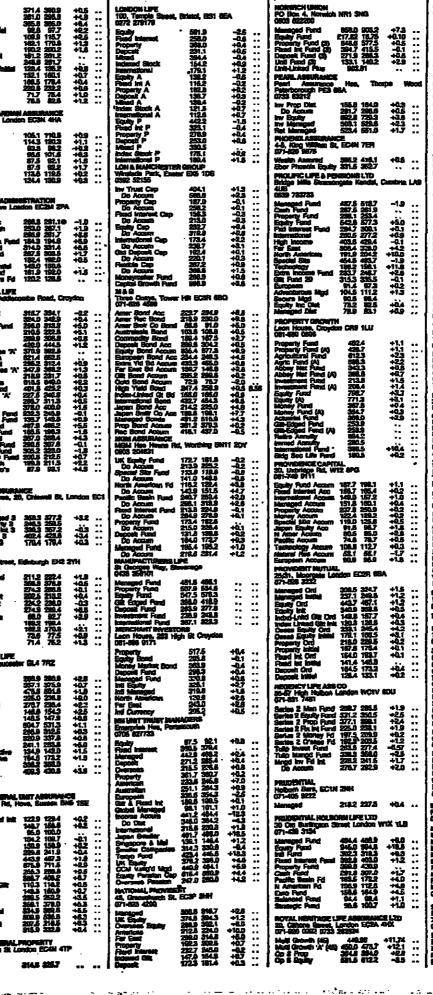


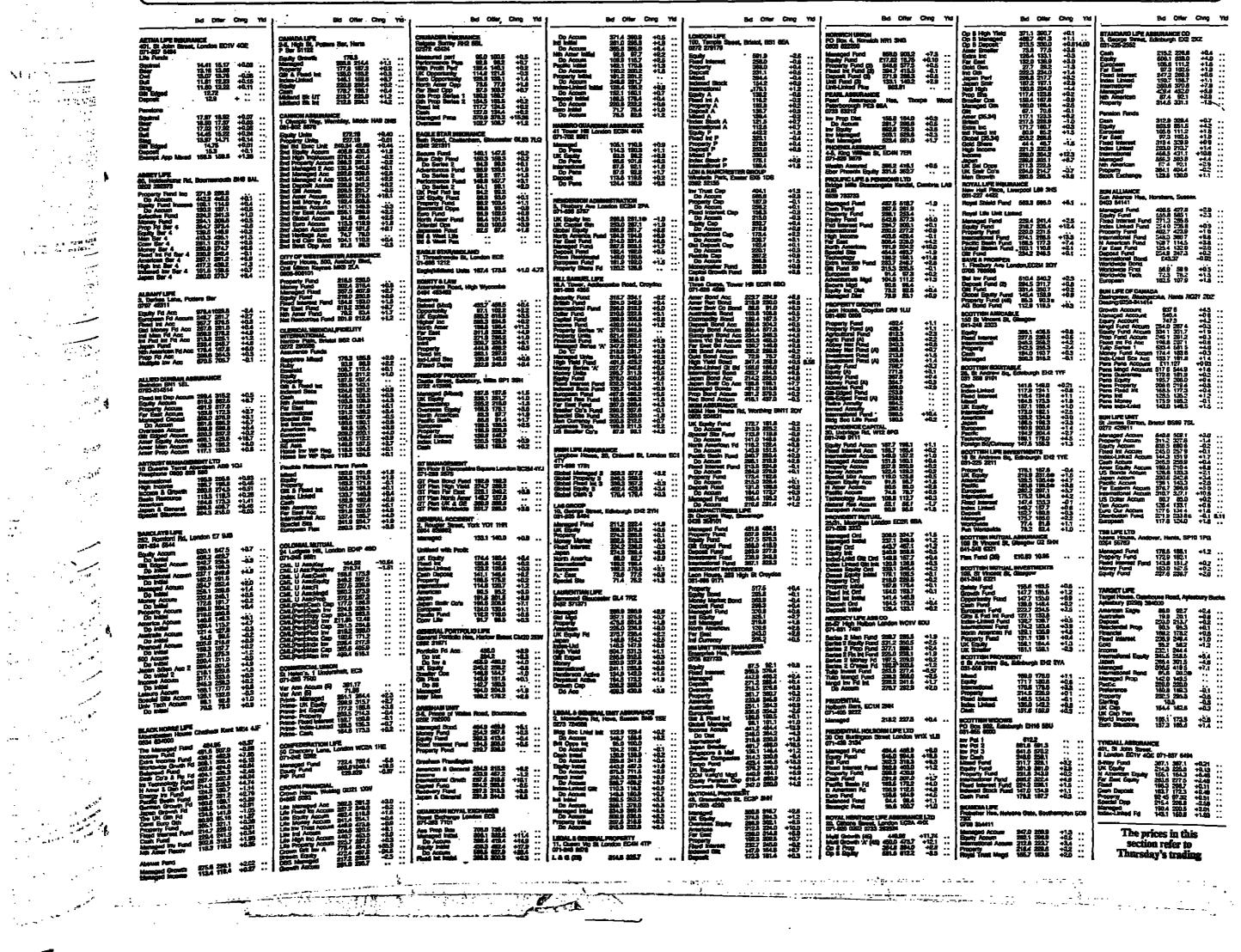
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Star ratings for efficient energy use

ENERGY efficiency in the home used merely to be a matter of saving money on fuel bills. But talk of global warming and the greenho effect have put the issue back

on the agenda.

British building regulations lag 40 years behind those in countries like Sweden but now politicians are talking of green mortgages to promote better insulation, higher construc-tion standards for new homes and the establishment of minimum efficiency standards for central heating boilers and

other domestic appliances. This week, John Wakeha the energy secretary, helped to launch Starpoint, a rating scheme to measure energy efficiency in the home - the

For a fee of between £30 and £40, a trained assessor carries out a survey of all the energy aspects of the home and a star worked out from data fed into

MVM Starpoint, of Bristol, which operates the scheme, has also signed an agreement with the National Energy Foundation, a registered charity, to make sure ratings are comparable with the National **Energy Foundation's National** Home Energy Rating. This scheme started in June and uses a much larger 100-point scale and independent li-

censed assessors.
The National Home Energy Rating provides homeowners, prospective buyers and house builders with a reliable guide to fuel running costs. Both schemes will make cost-effective suggestions to improve a home's rating.

Starpoint also calculates of £11.4 billion. potential reductions in carbon dioxide emissions, which are believed to be the main cause of the greenhouse effect. With power generation for

the average home producing



han £1,000 — five stars is the most efficient - would cut total emissions by 16 million

The National Energy Foundation says a one-step advance on its scale would achieve a 4 per cent saving on the total domestic energy bill

The Labour party wants domestic energy audits such as these to become a standard part of all surveys of homes on the market.

Peter Hales, chairman of

claims that a single one star advising the Mortgage Lend-National Home Energy Rating improvement costing less ers Committee, agrees. "Energy cost is one area that

house purchase. It makes sense for house purchasers to and energy advisory consultbe made more aware of their ants on-going energy commit-ments. Rating houses according to their energy efficiency has to become a standard for the future." he said.

A number of building societies have given their backing to the Starpoint scheme, with the Bradford & Bingley the first intending to make funds available to encourage bor- house. One has to bear in

interest from local authorities, is not addressed at the time of housing associations, developers, estate agents, surveyors

> Teck Ong, an architect living in Hammersmith, west London, called in Optima Energy, a King's Cross conaltancy firm and National Home Energy Rating scheme member, to rate his home.

"I wanted to know how best to increase energy efficiency and add ecological value to the

generations," said Mr Ong. cal to run and comfortable."

The rating of a new home plans. With older houses such as Mr Ong's, a three-storey terraced house built in 1971 with a room in the roof, the assessor makes a site survey. "We collect the information

and enter it on our lap-top computer," explained Dyfrig Hughes, Optima's managing

"The program is sensitive to

ables, like how exposed the detached or not. We measure the rooms, and assess the

insulation and heating sys-"It won't have any bearing on the final rating, but we also gauge the size of fuel bills by taking into account the number of people living in the house and how they use

energy. It can have a direct impact on savings." The computer rates the property on a scale of zero to ien. The average British home rates 4.4 on the National Home Energy Rating scale, with 7.0 being equivalent to the tougher housebuilding regulations introduced this year. Mr Ong's was 5.7. A bar chart display shows instantly what aspects of the

house are inefficient. Based on recommend that Mr Ong install a condensing boiler. thermostatic radiator valves. and a cylinder thermostat on cavity walls, insulate prin pipework, and do some basic draft proofing.

at £1,600 which, with annual savings on the fuel bill of £350, would take him fourand-a-half years to pay back. The rating shot up to 8.2.

The fees for an National Home Energy Rating survey range from £60 to £200. The "I also wanted to use the fee includes a certificate rating to design a prototype recording the rating and any home that was both economifee includes a certificate which can be useful for home owners when they come to

> The data is also sent to the headquarters of the National Energy Foundation in Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, where it is monitored and stored as part of a national database

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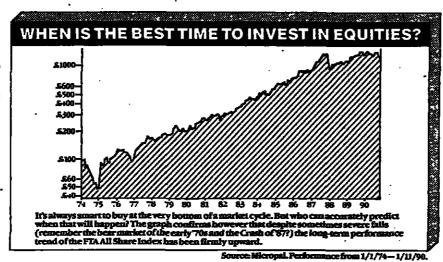
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Tax relief for enterprise

By SARA McCONNELL

still being encouraged to in- at higher rate taxpayers and vest in commercial property self-employed taxpayers. Alasthrough enterprise zone trusts tair Altham, director of Johnbefore the end of the tax year son Fry's commercial proper-

in spite of the property slump. Laser Richmount, the enterprise zone trust set up as a son Fry and Richard Ellis, has investing in an office development in the Salford Quays taxpayers may want to shelter enterprise zone in Manchester. Property Enterprise Managers has launched a £17.9 million trust, also investing in commercial property, in the Salford enterprise zone.

Enterprise zone trusts are intended to give smaller investors a route into the commercial property market by units as small as £1,000. The current state of the property

ty division said the self-employed would have to make the first payment of this tax joint venture between John- year next January and could use an enterprise zone trust.

announced a £20 million trust investment to set against tax. Some higher-rate PAYE some tax before filing a tax return after the end of the tax year, Mr Altham said. Investors can obtain tax relief on an ings are standing empty. investment in the trust at the higher rate as well as on loans taken out to invest.

Mr Altham denied that it we are ca

HIGHER rate taxpayers are £5,000. Both trusts are aimed to buy at the top of the market and sell at the bottom."

Keith Evans, managing director of Property Enterprise Managers, said: "People may think this is the worst time to go into property but the tax shelter aspect is the most important."

Investors can use the rental income from the property to pay off the loan. This income is guaranteed by the developers for 25 years so both trusts claim investors should never lose out because build-

Investors in Property Enterclaim tax relief as soon as an investment is made. Tradiwas a bad time to invest in the tionally, no investor in an enproperty market. He said: terprise trust can receive tax minimum investment in the market. Unfortunately, pri- offer closes on December 31 Laser Richmount trust is vate investors have a tendency and relief can then be claimed.

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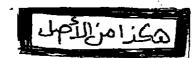
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Snow cover offers guarantee to skiers

themselves against another poor winter by taking out a snow guarantee should make sure they are aware of the restrictions on their policy.

It is becoming more usual for tour operators and travel agents to offer snow guarantees. These are often included in the cost of the travel insurance, but some companies like Bishopsgate charge an extra £2.

If there is no snow in the to April 15. resort, the cover will pay to journey is not more than near enough, the guarantee erators have different dates." will pay out a daily compensa-

SKIERS tempted to protect Most insurers will not provide included in the price of incover at all for a low resort surance, particularly if it is a with a poor snow record at the package holiday, which insurbeginning or end of the

> Douglas Cox Tyrie, a specialist travel broker, will only issue snow guarantees between December 31 and March 31 for resorts higher than 1,400 metres. Hayman Jackson, also a travel broker, includes piste closure in its Skiplus cover from January 1

Peter Hayman, director of transport skiers to a resort Hayman Jackson, said: "The with snow as long as the snow is coming later. Last year we started on Decembe two hours. Alter- and finished on April 30 for natively, if there is no snow Skiplus, but some tour op-

Skiers who are going at the tion fee of between £15 and right time and to a high £20. But they will only pay out enough resort may find the specific circumstances, cost of a snow guarantee is

ers are more enthusiastic about covering as they can spread the risk. Tour operators like Ing-hams include piste closure

insurance in the price of the cover, but skiers not taking out inghams' own policy will have to pay an extra £4. Colin Allum, managing

director of Fogg Travel Insurance Services, which insures customers of tour operators like Inghams and Snowtime, said: "With tour operators we know all the resorts they are going to, we know the range of dates and we can spread the risk so we don't operate restrictions on dates or height of resorts.

"But we won't do snow guarantees for independent travellers because we don't know where they're going to go. The cover they can get is unsatisfactory."

In the past couple of years snow guarantee schemes have become more sophisticated as tour operators try to tempt skiers back to the slopes. Industry figures show early booking for package holidays 20 per cent down on this time

Most insurers will not pay



in other resorts. If just one lift vacation the next season. But is still running, snow guar- bookings and deposits must be antees will not operate.

But some guarantees will planned departure date. operate if a small percentage of lifts are working. For ex- Suretravel, the travel broker, ample. Snowtime says that if said: "If you say snow goarless than 15 per cent operate antees operate when only 50 out on snow guarantee cover for more than three days on a per cent of the lifts are closed unless all the lifts in the resort one-week holiday or more this is difficult to verify."

closed, including inter- than seven days on a fort- "The problem with this sort of connecting lifts to lift systems night's, skiers can obtain a free guarantee is that people don't

received ten weeks before the James Beagrie, director of

all ski at the same level," It is important to check the

small print to see if insurers charge an extra premium and what this covers. The daily compensation fee, or long boring coach journey to another crowded resort, is

Elderly can ease the travel load

ELDERLY people looking to escape the British winter for a holiday in the sun could find they are paying more than they need for travel insurance (Sara McConnell writes).

Holiday insurance underwriters are wary of insuring the over-65s, particu-Jarly for long-stay holidays of two or three months in America, Australia or New Zealand, all increasingly popular destinations for visiting relatives.

Patricia Bird, managing director of Travel and Personal Underwriters, said: "It is statistically proven that the elderly make more claims. They are more susceptible to colds and flu in the winter, which means cancellations. Once they get to their destination they are more likely to be ill because of a change in diet or a change in temperature."

Val Bowley, managing director at Extrasure, a travel broker, agreed. "The over-70s sometimes plan a trip then decide they don't want to go at the last minute so we get a high proportion of cancellations.

Consequently, most travel insurance premiums for the elderly are "loaded" which often means they will be charged double the premium of younger people. At the moment Extrasure loads premiums both for short trips to Europe and further afield. Cover for two weeks in Europe for someone over 70 is £34, double the cost for a younger traveller.

Travel agents and insurance brokers negotiate different terms with underwriters depending on the volume of

business they are transacting and the individual needs of their customers.

Roger Churchill, underwriting man-

ager at Home and Overseas, said: "We are sometimes put in the position of saying to a broker that we want a double premium for all people over 65, but they are under pressure of competition so we have to look at our overall pot of

Home and Overseas underwrites insurance for travel agents such as Thomas Cook and Cosmos.

Travellers to Europe for short holidays are less likely to find their premiums are loaded, partly because there is less time for people to develop medical problems and partly because it is easier and cheaper to repatriate them if they fall ill or have an accident. Home and Overseas is one underwriter that no longer loads premiums for Europe. David Norman, travel insurance clerk

at Hayman Jackson, said: "Most companies haven't loaded for Europe so it is easy to find cover for older people. It's more difficult to find long-stay cover."

Some travel brokers claim it is unfair

that the over-65s or over-70s should be penalised with higher premiums when many are healthier than their younger countercarts. Mark Roy, director of the Association of Travel Consumers, argues there

should be no need for loadings. The association's three travel policies, bronze, silver and gold, are underwritten by General Accident and carry no loadings. "There is no age limit on any of our policies because we have negotiated rates with General Accident," said Mr

because underwriters start to assess on risk and if you are over 70 this is unfair. There are a lot of fit 70 year olds."

most basic of the three, covering Europe, costs £40 for a year's cover travelling any number of times for up to 90 days per boliday. Membership of the association costs a further £35 a year.

Extrasure is reviewing its arrangement for next year and is likely to introduce some form of health questionnaire so that the fit pay less.

Policies especially designed for the elderly are worth considering, although at the moment Travel and Personal Underwriters claims to have the only one on the market. The agency's Retirement Plus policy is for over-65s and will cover holidaymakers anywhere in the world. One month's cover costs £95 and is sold through brokers.

Tour operators do not normally load premiums because they have enough customers to be able to spread the risk with insurers. Those taking elderly people will normally insist travellers take out either the tour operator's own insurance or arrange acceptable cover.

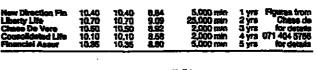
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SIB clamps down on broker bonds

MONEY EDITOR

THE planned clampdown on broker bonds by the Securities and Investments Board (SIB) should not be used as an excuse for brokers to sell other products and make extra commission the board warned this

This followed publication of a consultative paper, which will effectively end the sale of "closed" broker bonds. These bonds restrict brokers to invest in the funds of one group for their clients. But the SIB will not require existing bonds to be cashed in.

Arthur Seiman, director of the intermediaries division, said: "The proposed changes will not apply to existing monies and existing broker funds. We will not require existing funds to be amended. We don't want the paper to be used as an excuse for churning."

Churning is the unnecessary switching of investments from one fund to another to earn the broker extra commission. Mr Selman said that some brokers might decide to move into other investment products because the closer regulation of such bonds would be too hot for them".

He said that the regulators would be watching for brokers who moved funds out of broker bonds to avoid closer scrutiny. "If they leave the broker fund sector because it is uncomfortable we will still be interested in the quality of trust group.

The SIB says such invest-

The board has been con-



abuses connected with such bonds for the past three to four years and has produced a series of consultative documents to deal with them. It is ment selections on behalf of estimated that about £2 billion is invested in about 2,000 broker funds.

About 70 per cent of the bonds that are operated by independent financial advisers for insurance companies are currently limited to the funds of one insurance or unit

garded as best advice as no must disclose to the client that Regulatory Association cept liability.

cerned about the potential single group can have chart- as well as providing advice he topping performance in all or she is also undertaking a investment areas. It was difficult to justify an extra layer of relation to the product charges to cover the invest- recommended. clients when they were re- also be provided to investors company. Because of this the document proposes that brokers should only be able to recommend "closed" funds

tional costs. The proposed regulations state that any broker funds should be subject to the "best ment practice cannot be re- advice" rules and advisers

where there were no addi-

"management" function in

More information should stricted to the funds of one so that they can make informed investment decisions. Since the 1987 crash those broker funds that publish their performance figures have tended to underperform the managed funds operated directly by the insurance

companies. The Financial Intermedioperating broker funds in January asking for information about the individuals responsible for funds, details of their qualifications and the additional back up provided by the firm.

Information will have to be provided to Fimbra by March 31 if the companies wish to continue operating such

The trade department has written this week to insurance companies whose funds are sold by 600 brokers through such investment bonds warning them that they will be held to account for the actions of

The department wrote: "We bave in mind the introduction of a regulation to reflect the le that life offices should be accountable for the negligent or fraudulent acts of brokers or their nominees in managing the bile companies' funds and to extend this to all cases where life offices appoint persons outside the life office to manage their linked funds."

It went on: "The present system whereby the rights and liabilities of parties to a unitlinked policy are determined entirely by the relevant policy conditions appears to repre-sent, a potential gap in the investor protection net."

Under the trade department's draft proposals investors would be told of their rights and that in the event of loss caused by the actions of a broker fund manager or other external fund managers, the aries Managers and Brokers insurance company would ac-

Falling rates rekindle interest in investments offering a fixed return

By RICHARD IRVING

For companies looking to

fund ambitious expansion

programmes in the heady days

of the mid-Eighties, convert-

ible issues seemed like a great

idea. Companies were able to

raise millions of pounds on the convertible market by

offering generous capital re-

payment terms to compensate

for fairly low levels of interest.

Rising stock markets meant

that conversion rights were

always attractive. Many com-

panies issued convertible

stock never expecting inves-

Rush & Tompkins, British &

Commonwealth and Coloroll,

none of which has yet been

able to settle outstanding obligations to holders of

convertible stocks, have done

little to help a badly shaken

market. But, despite these

difficulties, the climate for convertibles looks set to im-

prove. "The market is no

longer saturated with over

supply as it was in 1988-9. The

rate of new issues is now much

The failures this year of

tors to want to redeem it.

FIXED interest investments share price of Carlton Com- more in line with the level of are usually more attractive munications fell 60 per cent investor demand," Mr Harriwhen interest rates are falling. the 6.5 per cent convertible allowing investors to lock into a fixed level of income above preference stock fell only 48 that offered by a bank or

building society.
City economists are predicting that the government will be forced to cut interest rates by another 3 per cent if it death knell for the convertible wants to win the general market sounded after the 1987 election. So investors wanting crash," he says. "Since then the sector average for converta fixed income with repay ment of the capital on a fixed ible unit trusts is down over 20 date could consider convertible stocks. per cent."

Martin Harrison, marketing director of Prolific Unit Trust Managers, believes this area of the fixed interest market has been neglected. "Convertible stocks also offer an option to convert into the issuing company's shares, on terms set when the stock is issued."

In theory, convertibles should be particularly attrac-tive to risk-averse investors looking to protect their capital but also keen to have a small exposure to the more volatile equity market. When a company's ordinary share price performs well, the convertible should also rise, reflecting the value of the option to convert fully into the company's

equity.

When the share price plunges, the fixed interest portion of the convertible provides a floor for the stock, cushioning it from the worst of the fall — a convertible should only fall low enough to bring the yield into line with other types of fixed interest

stock. For example, when the

from 7950 to 324p this year, son says.

Convertibles also look attractive to companies that can er cent. no longer afford to pay out But Jamie Berry, managing dividends of up to 20 per cent director of Berry Asset on ordinary shares. "In the Management, claims many current harsher economic cliconvertible stocks have fallen mate, companies will find it between two stools. "The hard to sustain the recent rates of increase in dividends," says Mr Harrison. "The more certain fixed payment on the convertible is likely to assume

far greater importance." John Sharman, director of Allied Dunbar Asset Management, adds: "Convertibles are providing a lot of protection to investors in that they now represent their true value as fixed interest securities. So they will benefit if interest rates come down or if the equity market - which many analysis believe undervalued stages a recovery. A 16 per cent total return (income plus capital gain) on the gilts market over the next 12 months could translate into a 20 per cent return on convert-

There are nearly 300 convertible stocks in issue and they come with a variety of conversion terms, interest coupons and repayment dates. So investors may prefer to go through one of the 12 unit trusts specialising in convertibles.

In the five years to November 1, for example, Prolific's Convertible and Gilt Fund was up 40 per cent, although investors who put money into the market last year are currently facing losses of about 15

About 70 to 75 per cent of the fund is invested in convertibles specially selected for the potential of the underlying equity to give an annual growth yield of about 9.5 per cent. By investing the balance of the portfolio in a mixture of higher yielding fixed interest stocks and some low yielding convertibles where growth prospects look particularly good, the fund aims to produce a high income and solid capital growth," says Mr Harrison.

"We believe that the UK equity market now offers good value over the longer term, although it could still be quite volatile over the next two to three years. Convertibles should reduce this volatility while securing an attractive

BRIEFINGS

□ TWO private medical expenses policies from Abbey Life will pay out if policyholders cannot obtain treatment through the National Health Service within six weeks of a specialist's recommendation. Budget Health Care covers families, while Health Care 60 is for over-60s, who can receive tax relief on premiums. No claims discounts increase annually up to a maximum 50 per cent and new policyholders start with a no claims discount of 27.5 per cent.

☐ A total of 393,000 cars was reported stolen last year, and 70 per cent of stolen cheque books and 60 per cent of stolen credit cards were taken from cars, Churchill Insurance, themotor insurer, claims. In a free guide called Protect your Car from Crime, Churchill gives advice on securing a car, the safest places to park and tips on buying secondhand cars.

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☐ Albert E Sharp, the Birmingham stockbroker, has launched a personal equity plan linked to four different funds so that investors can switch when their investment priorities change. Investors can choose between the balanced diversification fund remains above £10,000. investing half in investment trusts chip portfolio investing in equities, in a six month fixed rate deposit offer The unfront charge is 2 per cent with Life of Canada branches.

the income fund for income from dividends or the growth fund for protection from falling markets. Cus-tomers can run a single and monthly contribution plan at the same time.

☐ Building societies continue to offer bonuses to savers willing to register for Tax Exempt Special Savings Accounts (Tessas) before they become available on January 1. Birmingham Midshires is offering a 1 per cent bonus to investors registering before the end of this year and opening a Tessa account before March 31. The bonus will be added to the balance on the first anniversary of the account. The society's research shows young people are keenest to save monthly, while older people favour a lump

☐ Town and Country building society has launched the Super 90 account that pays interest of 10.30 per cent net on balances of between £5,000 and £9,999. Balances of £50,000 and more earn interest at 11.25 per cent net. Savers can have instant access to their savings without losing interest as long as the balance after the withdrawal

☐ Savers can earn interest of 11 per

from Lloyds Bank. The offer is open until December 7 and interest will be paid on maturity in May or June 1991. Interest will automatically be paid gross at 14.7 per cent on sums of £50,000 and above. Non-taxpayers will be able to reclaim basic rate tax or receive the interest gross if they have

registered as non-taxpayers before the denosit matures. D'The Yorkshire Building Society is offering up to 14.85 per cent on its gross-paid Offshore Key account in Guernsey. The 90 day account starts at 13.5 per cent on £5,000 and reaches the top level on sums above £50,000. The onshore rate on 90 day money is 11.75 per cent on investments of more than £25,000. The Guernsey authorities have relaxed their advertising rules for gross-paid accounts this week, which means that banks and building societies can now advertise

such accounts on the mainland. Cash trusts are still a safe bet as uncertain markets continue. Crown Unit Trust Services has launched a trust investing in cash and money market investments including fixed interest deposits, Treasury bills and short dated gilts. The trust has an estimated initial yield of 13.4 per cent.

an annual management charge of 0.5 per cent. Minimum investment is £500 with minimum lump sum additions of £250.

☐ Girobank's new credit account, Flexiplan Plus, offers a revolving credit facility that gives savers access to credit of up to 25 times a monthly preset repayment. The minimum monthly repayment is £20 and the maximum credit available is £3,000. Credit balances on Flexiplan Plus earn 7 per cent net, while customers with overdrawn accounts have to pay interest at 2.25 per cent a month.

☐ Berry Asset Management has an investment trust portfolio service that will manage money in investment trusts on a discretionary basis. The aim of the portfolio will be mediumto longer-term capital growth of a minimum investment of £10,000. There is an initial charge of 3 per cent and an annual management fee of 1 per cent of the value of the investments.

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in four stages over the next year. This will mean that they will pay 11.5 per cent from November 1 next year for at least three months and then the rate will revert to the standard variable rate at the time.

The society's switchboard has been jammed as the 125,000 existing borrowers try to take advantage of the reduction. The cut is more than other main lenders expect base mortgage rates to fall over the same period. It is refreshing to see an offer

that is not confined to new customers. Most lenders spend their energies trying to attract new borrowers and confine their largesse to endowment and pensions mortgages that earn large amounts of commission for

Existing borrowers are usually

Society stages lending coup

COMMENT

LINDSAY COOK

WEEKEND MONEY EDITOR

the last to gain from any interest

rate cuts or change of policy.
When building societies stopped charging higher mortgage rates on new loans in the early Eighties the first beneficiaries were new borrowers. Existing ones had to wait and in some cases are still paying more than people who have taken out loans since the summer of 1985.

Stephen Edell, the building societies' ombudsman, has re-ceived a number of complaints about such differentials and has advised long-term borrowers paying more than the standard mortgage rate on loans of £25,000 or more to ask their society to reduce their mortgage rates in line with other borrowers. In one case he ordered a refund of the extra interest paid. Borrowers should not have to go cap in hand to lending institutions. They should expect fair play as a right. At the National & Provincial

Building Society a spokesman-said that it had reduced its

Existing Woolwich borrowers with repayment loans will find their payments stay at 15.25 per cent unless they visit a branch of the society to do something about

differential for larger loans - mostly those over £30,000 - to

0.5 per cent. He said there was no

plan to bring these loans into line with the standard rate. But he

added that if a borrower went

back to the society for another mortgage they would receive a 0.5 per cent reduction for 12

This is little consolation for

people who do not want to move

The society does not operate

an annual review scheme, but it maintains it is up to its borrowers to find out what the new mortgage rate is and change the payments. Those who do not will pay 15.25 per cent until next October. But as the interest is charged to their account at the lower mortgage rate of 14.5 per cent the payments based at the higher rate will mean that a larger

be paid off. This is little consolation for the hard-pressed borrower who is waiting for notification of lower payments. The Woolwich, however, this week announced it was offering first-time buyers a discount of 1.25 per cent for the

proportion of the capital sum will

first year on endowment loans. This joins an array of special offers for new borrowers. Maybe all existing borrowers should consider moving their loans to take advantage of the new offers. Then maybe lenders will appre-

Taxing week

week is a long time in Abanking. Last week the British Bankers' Association stated that the big four high street banks would not be offering split interest on joint accounts when composite rate tax is abolished in April.

Non-taxpayers would have to wait up to a year to claim back tax deducted from their interest was the message to Weekend Money. The building societies were altogether more accommodating and most of the large ones accepted immediately that the interests of customers must come

first. The banks were reluctant to say what they were going to do. but could speak at length about all the extra costs and disadvantages of providing the service. Lloyds could only come up with disadvantages for offering split interest. But by Thursday this week the bank was ready to announce that it would, after all, offer split interest for customers with joint accounts. "So far, Lloyds Bank is the only major clearing bank to offer customers this facility," it trumpeted.

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A spokeswoman did, however, admit: "Recent press comment heightened our awareness of the competitive advantage of providing split interest."

At another of the big four where an announcement has yet to be made, a spokesman admitted it had not realised what a competitive disadvantage banks that did not offer split interest would be at until last weekend. Now it hopes to be able to join

Lloyds in offering the facility.

By April, with luck, all the banks will realise that they could have money flooding out of joint accounts if they do not follow the

BARCLAYS has become the first of the high street banks to announce details of its elec-tricity sharedealing offer (Lindsay Cook writes). The bank will be providing

a special sales service with a £12.50 at all its branches, for customers and non-customers alike, from the first day of

Up to four members of a On power family can sell shares in one electricity company for one fee provided that all the certificates carry the same surname and address.

Payments will normally be credited directly to bank accounts on the settlement day to avoid the need for cheques

The Britannia Building Society is charging £10 for the sale of up to £200 of electricity shares. This rises to £15 for shares worth between £201 and £400, and £18.75 for between £401 and £1,315. Families can pool shares and pay only one commission

To use the Sharedeal service run in conjunction with Henry Cooke Lumsden, the stockbroker, shareholders must

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Barclays reveals deal

opened on the day of the

The Skipton Building Society is offering free dealing to anyone who wants to sell shares in any of the 12 shares. Shore Capital makes companies. The offer extends the applications for the investment to four members of a Skipton tors and saves them from investor's family and could having to fill in 48 separate

The Leeds Permanent is has limited the free dealing to shares in one electricity company. Both services are offered by Capel Cure Myers Capital

Shore Capital Stockbrokers has devised a scheme for more with the society. This can be cation with the minimum of £8,000.

administrative bassle. The scheme only requires investors to put up 25 per cent of the stake, with Shore Capital providing a short-term loan for the remainder.

A family of four could each apply for £1,000 worth of partpaid shares in each of the 12 companies. This would require payment of £12,000 and borrowing rights of £36,000 would be provided by Shore at an interest rate equal to a typical credit card, or less.

Most investors would be expected to repay the majority of the loan in two weeks and the balance within five.

The minimum application that can be made is 24,000 provide free dealing for up to forms and writing 48 separate

Howard Shore, managing offering a similar service but director, said that the company had been able to secure allocations of nearly £22,000 on an investment of £20,000 when it pioneered the scheme with selected clients for the

The client in that instance ambitious investors who want showed a gain on the first day have an investment account to obtain the maximum allo- of dealings of more than

Fraud investigators raid premises of Castlegate after loan firms fail

20 per cent a year for investors prepared to stake a minimum of £250,000. But it is understood that several millions of

pounds may have been lost. The plan and its promises were first detailed in Weekend Money on July 21. At the time, the Capital Fund Owners Plan was trying to recruit new investors willing to put up a quarter of a million

lated under the Financial Services Act because it was not regarded as an investment under the terms of the Act.

This means that any funds lost by investors are not covered by the Investors Compensation Scheme operated by the Securities and

THE Serious Fraud Office has Investments Board. The raid raided the premises of Castle- on Castlegate's offices comes gate Holdings in London three weeks after admin-Street, Reading. The group istrative receivers were ap-promised a "no-risk return" of pointed for two of the companies operating from that address as part of the Capital Fund Owners Plan.

Applied Finance Ltd and Advance Financing Co Ltd, which were taken into administrative receivership on October 19, were among about 60 npanies operating under the plan offered by Castlegate Securities. The money provided by investors is used by Castlegate to set up limited

Castlegate Securities then applies for consumer credit licences on their behalf. It provides the administration for the companies to offer second and third mortgage advances to homeowners and to make loans to small

The Office of Fair Trading records show that 60 compenies operating from Castlegate House have been granted licences under the Consumer Credit Act. These included Advance Financing, which has two controllers listed as Gerald Malcolm George Knight and James Allan.

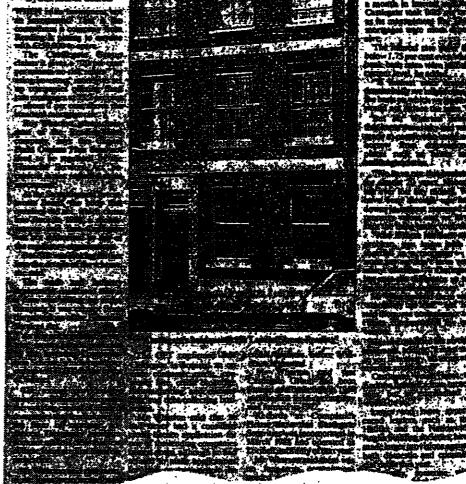
Mr Allan is company secretary of Advance Financing and Applied Finance. He con-Owners Plan. The administration of the loans made to and by Advance had been handled entirely by Castlegate Secur-

of investors. They had not been involved in the day to day running of the two

He said the appointment of administrative receivers by the Bank of Scotland, which had leat the companies money, had "come as a complete surprise", to himself and Mr Knight. Audited accounts for the two firms had been signed off for the year to the end of April 90.

Mr Allan said: "Investigatituation. We have not had the information to quantify the ton denied that loans charged situation," he said. "The rea- at 1.75 per cent a month were son behind the shortfall has to risky. Castlegate found ap-

Watchdog looks closer info investment that never was



High interest: Weekend Money first detailed Castlegate's operations last July

Serious Fraud Office."

He confirmed that he had poken to the Serious Frand Office, but said that he had area. not asked them to investigate

Roy Wharton, group chairman of Castlegate, said this week he did not know why his premises had been raided. "After 20 years in business and without getting any warning or reason, the Serious tions are still going on to nearly all my company's files evaluate and to quantify the and records and paralysed my and records and paralysed my business." In July Mr Whar-

Mr Allan said the role of Mr be established. The reason for phicants for the mortgages Roberts of Ernst & Young, the Knight and his daughter Jane, it getting to that situation is charged at 23.2 per cent — accountant, who is joint also a director, had been that still under investigation by about 7 per cent above the administrative receiver, said: it getting to that situation is charged at 23.2 per cent receivers, the police and the standard mortgage rate through advertisements in the full statement of affairs Yellow Pages and Thomson from Castlegate and until then directories in the Reading cannot comment."

> At the time Mr Wharton said nobody had ever lost money through the plan.

"If there has been any problem, you know with a shortfall in a mortgage - I must say we don't have many of them -Castlegate has met the difference so no lender has lost any money," he said. "Castiesate would find the funds if loans turned sour." It has not yet offered to do so as far as Applied Finance and Advance

ancing are concerned.

accountant, who is joint "We are awaiting receipt of The receivers were carrying

out a detailed investigation and that the affairs of the companies would take a lot of "disentangling".

Those who had taken out mortgages from the firms should not face extra charges, he said.

Mr Wharton was in a meeting at his office yesterday, but did not reply to a series of questions faxed to him about Advance Financing and Applied Finance and other investments made under the A spokesman for William Capital Fund Owners Plan.

Court ruling hits staff perks

and services from their employers could find themselves being taxed more heavily on these benefits if a Court of Appeal decision made this week is allowed to

Food or travel perks, for example, provided at reduced prices, currently attract tax on the difference between the price paid and the wholesale price the employer paid. But the Court of Appeal has

upheld the decision of the Inland Revenue that employees must pay tax on the average cost of the benefit. Employers will now have to work out how much the benefit is costing in terms of overheads like storage, heating and transport of goods for each employee. Staff will then pay tax on the difference between what they pay and this average cost.

The case in the Court of

Appeal concerned nine mas-ters at Malvern College, the public school, who sent their children to the College at 20 per cent of the normal fees. They argued that they should only have to pay tax on the additional cost of educating their children. But the Inland

cheap travel or other goods that the cost should be the average cost, including overheads like teachers' salaries and fuel costs. This would assessed on a higher benefit because the average cost would be higher than the additional cost.

Clive Tulloch, tax partner at Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte, the accountant, said: "There will be a degree of chaos while things are seried out. The Inland Revenue could estimate a figure and the onus would be on the employee to prove them wrong.

The employer will have to make the declaration on behalf of employees and will be required to plug into their costing system to work out the average cost."
"If the decision is upheld in

the House of Lords it may affect railway workers' cheap travel on the train, staff of bus companies and airlines, or solicitors' employees having their conveyancing carried out

"It will also affect manufac turers, wholesalers and retailers offering their products at marginal cost.* Anyone earning more than

£3,500 a year has to pay tax on be treated the same way as | Extra management

tipped into a taxable bracket. Erica Stary, head of tax at a loss will in effect be Harbottle and Lewis, the City penalised for these losses by solicitor, said: "Anyone earning, say, £8,400 a year including car and petrol allowance, could accidentally find themselves being taxed on all benefits if everything is added

But companies are unlikely to be put off offering their employees benefits rather than extra money, although be complex. Ms Stary said: "There are

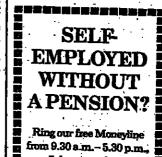
certain levels of benefit employees expect at certain levels within companies. For example, people expect a car or other benefits to reflect

"But what is the value of a benefit? It is very difficult to assess. The ruling is likely to produce mind-bending cal-At present employees who

receive vonchers, tokens or tickets for travel or other benefits are already taxed on these, except for those working for bus train or rail companies, who are exempt. It is not clear whether these will

benefits, but those earning just other benefits, nor whether below this figure could be employees working for compenalised for these losses by having to pay their proportion of the higher overheads not covered by the company's income.

The Court of Appears decision is almost certain to be allowed to stand, although the allowed to appeal to the House



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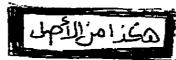
value of shares can fall as well as rise, and that past

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vears to November 1st, 1990. Compared with the

average return from a Unit Trust of 50%* (and



LETTERS Life cover that falls short

Not for me it seems. I am 70. I

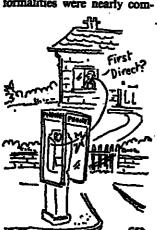
In June, when my premium became due. Bupa informed "LP subscribers and beneficiaries are not eligible. £901 fee the normal LP waiver of fill was deducted, whereas had I never entered the scheme I would have been eligible for a tax break of £225. Moreover, this would rise with escalating subscriptions, whereas the waiver is fixed forever more.

Bupa sympathised with my Brownlow Road, N11.

Hanging up

From Mr Michael Owen Sir, After being "bombarded" with advertisements in all areas of the national press from First Direct Bank, I decided to ring the hottine for more details. They arrived, and I decided after reading them, that I would open an

After six weeks, the account formalities were nearly com-



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Overdraft charges

From Mr David Channing Sir, My daughter is currently abroad and I am looking after her financial affairs. A few weeks ago I opened a letter from her (listening) bank manager, pointing out that her current account was overdrawn by £34.02 and politely requesting some payment to-wards this. I sent off a cheque for £40, thinking to leave a small credit balance.

What the bank had not told me was that they were charging £12 for this overdraft letter. The latest statement, just received, shows that my cheque only reduced the over-draft to £6.02. Moreover, an excess overdraft charge of £10 was added, and the cumulative negative balance at 1987 at £39.13 which would tracted an interest charge of today sell for £18.25, offer to 68p. So, lo and behold, the bid, a fail of 53 per cent.

again by £16.70. When I write a "Dear pig" letter to the bank manager, I know what his response will be. He will say that these charges are applied automati-

Barclaycard check From Mrs Elizabeth Orr Sir, Can anyone please explain to me why this should

Some weeks ago a man came into our shop and attempted to buy a power tool with a Barclaycard. It was noticed that his signature was different to that on the card. I

PLATINUM

For readers who may have missed a copy of The Times this week, we repeat below the week's Portfolio price changes (today's are on page 37).



From Mr Patrick O'Leary "disappointment" at this, but still demanded £783. This, of course, I refused to pay. have been a subscriber for 20 years, in ten of which I paid a higher rate for so-called life long protection (LP).

The only explanation of fered was "... the task of administrating tax relief across a broad variety of

registrations benefiting from waivers is very complex the situation is receiving our argent attention. We will for tax relief." So, from the keep you informed as progress is made, and hope to be able to offer you tax relief shortly." So ran a letter dated July 17,

No progress has been made since despite two letters to the chairman of Bupa, Lord Wigoder. PAT O'LEARY, 4 Fairlawns,

pleted. I had forwarded my last six months' bank statements for their reference, several checks had been made on

my address, and all looked

Then out of the blue, I had a telephone call at work to say that I had not included a home telephone number. I explained that I lived in rented accommodation, and we did not have a telephone. I was greeted with a sharp reply that this was a telephone bank and

without one.

I quite understand that in this modern age, it is unusual not to have a home phone, but we do have a portable phone, and a phone box just down the road. First Direct were insistent that my account could not

I could not open an account

If any of your readers are contemplating a First Direct account who do not have a home telephone — bewarel Yours sincerely. MICHAEL OWEN, 60 Garratts Way, Downley, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.

cally by their computer and

that he is powerless to influence them. Should I (a) pay in

more than the latest overdraft to forestall further charges? (b)

transfer my daughter's non-

existent balance to some other

bank? (c) offer my services as a

computer programmer (for which, as it happens, I am qualified)? What would your

Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland.

From Mr Norman Aers, Sir, I would also like to

nominate MIM Britannia for

an award (Letters, October 20) as I purchased their Smaller

Companies Trust in August

self for believing their adver-

went into the office to tele-

phone Barclaycard to find out

if the card was stolen. I was asked to dial another number

which I did, I was then asked many questions which took at

least ten minutes.

Meanwhile, through the sec

urity window I could see the

man still standing at the

counter. He must have had

Several times I urged the lady on the telephone to be quick, just to tell me if the card

was stolen, and I could shut the door and hold him till the police arrived. She kept saying

that a crime may not have

been committed. Eventually the man moved away from the counter and I told her I could not see him any more. She then told me that they

would require the card to be cut in half and returned to

Barclaycard, and she would

like to have a word with the

customer. Of course he had

gone.
We called the police and
Barclaycard told them that the
card had been stolen in

August.
It seems to me to be a terrible waste of time for the police. They could have had a

thief, and all they end up with is an investigation. I believe Barclaycard could have told

me instantly that the card was

stolen. Are they willing to

condone fraud and theft in

their fights against bad

publicity? Yours faithfully,

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Planning to save From Tou Chen Chang

> and would like to start saving. I pay tax at 25 per cent.
>
> Are there any saving schemes for which the government would allow tax-relie??
> For example if I were to save £75 - the government would contribute a further £25 or

Sir, I have just begun earning,

He had a heart attack

demand.

when he got his BUPA

part thereof? Are there any other schemes from which I may claim taxfree returns apart from some government saving certificates and Peps? Vones faithfull TOU CHEN CHANG, 52 Tyers Estate, Tyers Gate, SE1.

While there are no savings schemes that allow tax deduction for the amounts set aside (apart from the business expansion scheme which would certainly not be appropriate to somebody in your position), there are a number of arrangements that allow the income on such savings to accrue tax free. You mention National Savings certificates

and personal equity plans.

Another scheme that is due to start on January 1 is the Tax Exempt Special Savings Ac-count (Tessa). This allows up to £9,000 to be set aside over five years, with a maximum of £3,000 in the first year and then up to £1,800 in each subsequent year. Provided the capital is not touched for the five year period, and certain other conditions are satisfied. then interest will be allowed to accrue on the amount in the

account tax free. Because of uncertainties about interest rates, no detailed schemes have yet been announced but undoubtedly the banks and building societies will be promoting these accounts towards the end of

Royal protection From Mr L.E. Allwood

Sir, Thank you for publishing my letter (October 27) on the subject of my motor insurance

I have now heard from Royal's head office in Liverpoot, they assure me I really was insured all the time, notwithstanding the legal position; they also sent me another claim form. Yours sincerely, E ALLWOOD, 2-2 Dumbiedykes Road,

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Edinburgh.

Bank holidays delay payment

From Mr M. N. Brayshaw Sir, The lack of bank working days at the end of December 1989 led to a problem in that my mortgage interest payment under standing order to the Abbey National on December 22 was not credited by them until January 2. As a result, their end of year statement capitalised the apparent arrears, and would have led to increased interest payments throughout 1990. They did in fact allow an adjustment (though presumably only be-cause I objected), but stated that they "cannot be held responsible for this adjust-

ment in future years". This December, I shall make a point of paying a few days early. I wonder, though: if I pay the January 1991 interest before December 31, will and therefore reduce my interest over the whole of 1991? Yours faithfully, MIKE BRAYSHAW, 58 Upper Brighton Road, Worthing, West Sussex.

A to Z of costs

From Mr Frank Selby Sir, Thank you for telling us (November 3) that a lottery having run through 69 draws for the benefit of the NHS had brought in £1 million, of which half went in prizes, a quarter to the charity it was meant to serve and the remaining £250,000 for "administration". Does that area not call for a different description, perhaps with an initial a little further along the alphabet?

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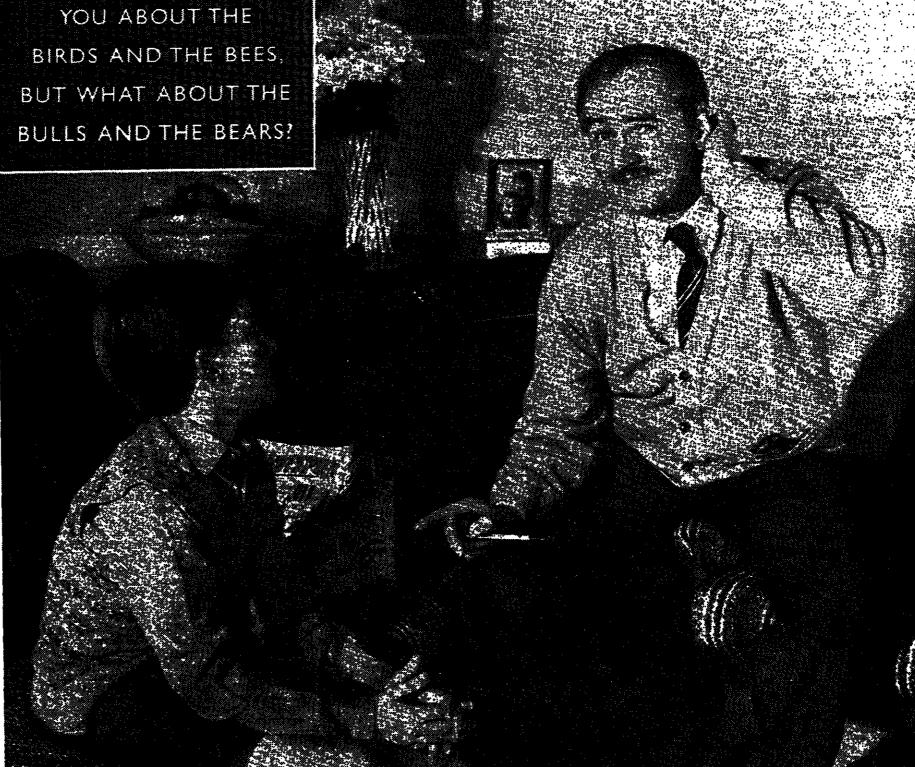
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Castlegate premises are raided

A COMPANY offering a 20 per cent no-risk investment to people with at least £250,000 to stake has been raided by the Serious Fraud Office.

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Under the plan, the investor's money is used to fund second and third mortgages for borrowers attracted by advertisements in telephone

Super bore



Martin Sorrell, chief executive of WPP, the world's largest advertising agency, is one of the few insipid, tedious people in the advertising industry, he tells Gillian Bowditch. Asked to expand, he says he is boring and that his job is looking after the petty cash Page 43

Perks ruling

A ruling in the Court of Appeal this week could make most employee perks more

Ill feeling Barclay Card?



Disappointment over lack of tax breaks for private health care policyholders over 60, the escalating cost of overdrafts, checks are subjects for readers'

Piste policies As skifers book their holidays

they want to be sure of snow on the piste. But insurance guaranteeing that they will be able to ski are becoming ever more complicated......Page 40

Bond clampdown

The Securities and Investments Board plans to clamp down on broker bonds. The trade department also wants to ensure that insurance companies take full responsibility for brokers offering these products Page 39

Heat treatment

The rising cost of home global warming make it more important than ever to save energy. This week a scheme to measure energy efficiency in the home was launched by John Wakeham, the energy secretary———Page 38

THE SUNDAY TIMES Breaking up is hard to do

Racal stunned the City when it announced plans to break up the group in an attempt to extract value for the shareholders. How will the demerger be done and can Sir Ernest Harrison find backing for his proposed time when highly

leveraged deals are out of favour? Business - in The Sunday Times tomorrow.

Small firms boom confounds gloom

Despite the mounting rate of failures among companies, would-be entrepreneurs are still flocking to go it alone. Derek Harris looks at the aid on offer to help them be successful

The mounting failure rate among businesses is not people wanting to start up on their own. In the first half of this. year company formations were running at almost ten times the rate

In the second quarter of 1990 receiverships rose 123 per cent over the same time last year, while investment in small businesses rose 25 per cent, according to the Westminster Bank's small business investment index.

At Barclays Bank, Richard Cracknell, senior business dev-elopment manager, said: "Our guess is that we'll help create 6,000 to 8,000 new businesses this year. Last year it was approaching 6,000. Even early September returns are still showing growth."

However, some in the small business sector are full of warnings. The Forum of Private Business has forecast the closure of 45,000 small firms and shops over the next few years as the higher-cost effects of the uniform business rate feed through.

The National Federation of Self-Employed points to evidence of worsening cash-flow difficulties as big company customers of small firms take longer to pay, so passing some of their own burdens on to the little man and woman. And the latest Confederation of British Industry (CBI) survey has suggested the recession will continue to bite until the end of next

Yet the take-up of the government's Enterprise Allowance scheme for small businesses has increased in some areas, according to Mr Cracknell

The scheme pays £40 a week for a year for the entrepreneur able to show he or she has a minimum £1,000 ready to help build a

Faster business formation could also reflect how a greater number of redundancies is stimulating more people to set up on their

The enterprise allowance

The Beveridge brothers have

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follow their interest."

War game clubs need settings created, while individuals mostly buy figures, often covering several historical periods. Buildings to scale will sell for between £30 and £60. An entire war game, including settings, figures and equipment, could cost up to £2,000. The government offers a variety

of aid. The national network of Small Firms Service offices has been a general clearing house for initial enquiries, but its role is being taken over by the more than 80 newly-launched Training and Enterprise Councils (Tecs).

umbrella body is Business in the

personal and business affairs do

not become disastrously mixed up. It makes tax claims about

expenditure readily possible,

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a multiplicity of small cash pay-ments did avoid bank charges on

each by using a building society

account, on which there was no

such individual charge, and then

every so often transferring the

accumulated funds with a single

cheque from the society to a bank

business account.

The current state of relation-

ships between small businesses

and their banks is detailed in a

1988 there seems to have been no

fundamental change in the rela-

tionship between small businesses

and the banks. The earlier survey

showed great similarity of bank

offerings, suggesting a low level of effective competition.

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The new one does, however,

tion had now doubled.

But a veterinary client taking in

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Model work: Philip Beveridge took an enterprise allowance

finance for nearly three-quarters

of small businesses. It makes good business for the banks at a time

when the competition for big

corporate accounts is squeezing

profit margins (Derek Harris

Failure of a big company customer can be a noticeable blow to

a bank. But the same amount of

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business accounts means the risk

And, as most small business

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Consequently, the big clearers have made much of the services

they offer to small businesses. But

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It is possible to avoid incurring charges for cheque and cash

transactions by business people staying with their own personal

But Anthony de Lacey, small

businesses specialist at Buzzacott,

the London chartered accountant,

is not encouraging about that ploy. A sudden uprush in transactions

may prompt a bank manager to

Mr de Lacey believes in a

and how do they compare?

ger entrepreneur. Two brothers in their early thirties who are benefit-ing from it are Philip and Mark Beveridge of Coleford, Glouces-

turned a hobby into a business, painting one-inch high figures -rather like the lead soldiers but precisely detailed - to cash in on the craze for war games.

them to produce figures from battles over many centuries. Recently they sold a set of figures representing armies in the Franco-Prussian war. They also construct six-inch high figures that can be kept encased.

The brothers were able to "scrape together" the £1,000 as

Mark said: "The £40 a week from the scheme pays immediate bills and we have gained much advice from the various courses run in association with the scheme. We have been operating since May and although things are going slowly we have good hopes because those into war games are pretty avid and willing to spend to

The Tecs are inheriting the service's additional role of offering counselling for small busies. They are likely to coordinate counselling by placing the job with Local Enterprise Agencies (LEntAs), which have to a large extent already been carrying out this role in many areas.
The 300 or so LEntAs, whose

> funds to be tapped. And the development arms of

The other partner is Alan Griffiths. Mr Harvey was manager and Mr Griffiths his account

With manufacturing machinery



Building a business: Anne Collins turned to an enterprise agency to help launch her PR consultancy to the construction industry

Community (BITC), are private sector bodies sponsored by local companies, organisations such as banks, and local authorities.

The Department of Trade and Industry's Enterprise Initiative offers consultancy on various aspects of business from marketing to finance management, but this benefits mainly established smaller businesses. Start-ups of small high-technology firms have been encouraged by awards geared to the quality of their plans.

All businesses receive special and often considerable help in old steel and coal areas where waves of closures have savaged the economic base of local communities. There are also European

rge former employers also offer aid, from loans to premises, to replace jobs lost when they themselves were forced to cease operations. On Wearside, for instance, British Steel, British Coal Enterprise and a British Shipbuilders equivalent are all involved.

he Britannia Envelope Company at Longton, Staffordshire, one of the Potteries towns clustered around Stoke-on-Trent, would never have taken off but for British Coal Enterprise. Later. the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) also played a key role. That is the view of Ken Harvey, one of the two partners in Britannia which has just completed its first year of operation.

manager in another envelope company, but the pair left when they believed they could do better on their own, exploiting their expertise in manufacturing bespoke envelopes and selling direct

to buy, even though costs were

kept down by using refurbished machines, they needed about £200,000, half of which they provided themselves.

British Coal was prepared to put up £50,000 repayable over three years at preferential rates of interest. Their bank covered the balance with an overdraft secured against the homes of the two partners. British Coal's security was the machinery.

Later the ECSC agreed to put up £70,000, effectively to replace the bank overdraft with a seven-year loan at preferential rates.

Mr Harvey said: "We have done better than we budgeted for. Our plan looked to eight people em-ployed by the end of the first 12 months. We have 13. "For three months we have not

made a loss and in the last month there was a paper profit. We are running at about 170 per cent of initial estimates. Orders are up, which means more working capital than anticipated." Volume sellers in envelopes are

already being affected by the recession, he said. "We do not seem to have been hit in the bespoke area but I would expect customers individually to tend to scale down their orders." Local Enterorise Agencies do

more than run counselling services. Many are involved in providing start-up premises, as are local authorities. There is a growing network of "marriage bu-

reaux" at key LEntAs that bring together entrepreneurs with a promising business idea and those with cash to invest.

Anne Collins talked to the London Enterprise Agency after she left a staff position to launch a business specialising in marketing. media relations and knowledge of local authority workings necessary for developers to get their schemes

rs Collins had found it difficult to raise an overdraft. One bank was not interested in the Collins' house as security, wanting an insurance policy instead because it could be turned into cash. more easily. Another of the big high street banks offered an unattractive

banks want nothing to do with the loan guarantee scheme."

Mrs Collins now has backing from Lloyds Bank and she is working from her home in Islington, London. She maintains that even in the hard-pressed construction sector there will be surviving companies that will need to market themselves.

She has signed up her first client, a maker of conservatories and window frames. The London Enterprise Agency has a fund for loans up to £2,500 and Mrs Collins is looking to additional

financing by that route as her business develops.

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Businesses in country areas can obtain help from the Rural Development Commission, especially for converting redundant farm The commission assisted Mich-

ael Trevor, a Cheshire farmer, aged 47, to convert an old barn into a farniture factory turning out high class reproductions. He employs six cabinet makers and sells direct to the end user. The commission met about a quarter of the £50,000 conversion cost.

A small firms rural grants scheme recently introduced by Chester city council for nonfarming businesses has just provided more than £1.500 for Mr Trevor, who is putting in a dust extraction system.

The council is also offering up to £1,000 for village shops providing an essential service for their communities.

Pamela Cropper bought the village shop at Normansheath, near Malpas, Cheshire, only to have her husband Geoffrey unexpectedly made redundant within a week. The cash he received enabled Mrs Cropper to buy a much-needed refrigerated display cabinet.

"It is a struggle to make ends meet. But otherwise it could have been a year before we could have afforded the cabinet," said Mrs

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Good business for the banks Rating the banks for performance,

those surveyed seemed to find the Scottish banks better, if only marginally, on knowledge of a customer's business sector. Lloyds came out ahead among English They all scored equally well on the tailoring of finance, dealing

with one person, and access to loan officers. The survey pointed a finger at the way banks tend more to look backwards, at historical performance, when a business comes in for new finance. The forum wants to see more attention paid to future prospects as loan criteria. Obtaining finance seemed to be harder for small manufacturers and businesses experiencing rapid

new survey among 4,000 of its members by the Forum of Private Business, a lobbying group. One telling finding is that Itemised bank charges, for which the forum is campaigning, whereas three years ago a quarter are only just beginning to emerge, of those surveyed had been prompted actively to consider changing their bank, this proporsuggesting a considerable delay between the identification of a need and the introduction of Since the forum's last survey in provisions to meet it", the survey

complained.

More positively it found that banks were responding more to small business needs. Those surveyed were more positive towards their own bank manager than the bank itself.

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separate business account so that tives to differentiate products, be the best bet.

The image maker who survived the Eighties

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

here are few insipid, tedious people in the exotic world of advertising but, by his own admission, Martin Sorrell is one. Ask the chief executive of WPP, the world's largest advertising and communications group, to describe himself and he will tell you he is a "dull, boring, little clerk". A graduate of Cambridge University and Harvard Business School, he is falling over himself to tell you he is "not a very clever person". How does the £629,000 a year "clerk" describe his job? He simply "looks after the

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petty cash", nothing more. This all adds up to a degree of modesty that would make Berna-dette of Lourdes appear a shameless braggart by comparison. Either that or Mr Sorrell is not quite as frank as he might be. Friends and enemies alike agree that the Uriah Heep act is a sham. Dull be certainly is not, and stupid people do not end up running international advertising businesses. One contemporary of Sorrell's says: "He is petrified of being portrayed as a high fiyer about to crash land, a George Davies or a Tony Berry. He knows that to keep the institutions sweet he has to project the image of the dull stable statesman. In reality he is a single-minded ruthless guy."

Sorrell has reason to distance himself from the fallen stars of the Eighties. The similarities are too merous for comfort. In 1985. while finance director for Saatchi & Saatchi, the advertising agency, he helped Charles and Maurice Saatchi to create, he took a stake in Wire & Plastic Products, a tiny company that, among other things, made cages for small rodents. By June 1987 he had pushed himself and WPP firmly into the limelight with the auda-cious £351 million takeover of JWT, parent company of J Walter Thompson, once the best and the brightest of the New York advertising agencies. It was his eighteenth deal since joining WPP and with it came the, now unwanted, reputation as a whiz-kid.

But, in the heady days of the 1987 worldwide takeover boom, this reputation was an asset rather than a liability. WPP shares rose from 30p to more than 300p as news of Sorrell's involvement became known. As the cracks started to appear in the Saatchi empire, Sorrell took over the mantle of his former employers who had by this time lost touch with economic reality and made an approach to buy Midland Bank.

Sorrell professes to know nothing about advertising, but if there is one thing he has grasped it is the importance of projecting the correct image. He is painfully aware that he is one of the few members of the Eighties' bratpack who is still sitting atop an empire built on paper, debt and delayed earn-outs.

He is a master of the cautious understatement. Push him to give an opinion on any controversial issue and he is uncomfortable. "I have no personal opinions of relevance to anything," says Sorrell. With corporate debts of £300 million, the head of WPP feels he really cannot be too careful. Those who know him well say

he has an ability to charm people, which has been useful in his business life, but add that he is a skilful, calculating manipulator who can turn into a bully at times. Behind the relaxed exterior is a man with one of the sharpest business brains in advertising. Even after the acrimonious split from the Saatchi brothers, Charles Saatchi told a friend that Sorrell was the only intelligent person to have worked at Saatchi & Saatchi. "He's not the most affable man

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Martin Sorrell

I've ever come across," says one prominent City figure who has an admiration for Sorrell's approach to business and has worked with him in the past. "He has a stick and carrot approach to his employees. If you perform well you are rewarded. If not, then you are out. He doesn't suffer fools gladly. Everything has to be done immediately. He is demanding, is totally dedicated to his business and is extremely profit conscious. Costs are kept low and he hates waste of any sort. He can be ruthless at times. I like working with him, he is pretty unflappable but I don't know if I would be keen to spend a weekend with him."

But Sorrell commands a strong degree of loyalty and respect from colleagues. David Ogilvy, on hearing Sorrell was attempting to take over his business, publicly referred to him as "an odious little shit". Ogilvy, who is now chairman of WPP, is deeply embarrassed about the incident. "When he tried to take over our company I would have liked to have killed him. But it was not legal. I wish I had known him 40 years ago. I like him enormously now, he never wastes time and he makes me realise how much time I've wasted in my life. He pretends he knows nothing about advertising but he knows everything, knows all the chents. He works like a dog."

Martin Stuart Sorrell was born on Valentine's Day in 1945, the second son of Jack and Sally Sorrell. His older brother died at birth and Sorrell describes himself as an only child. His father was managing director of the electrical retail division of Firth Cleveland, Charles Hayward's industrial conglomerate, and had a strong influence on his son.

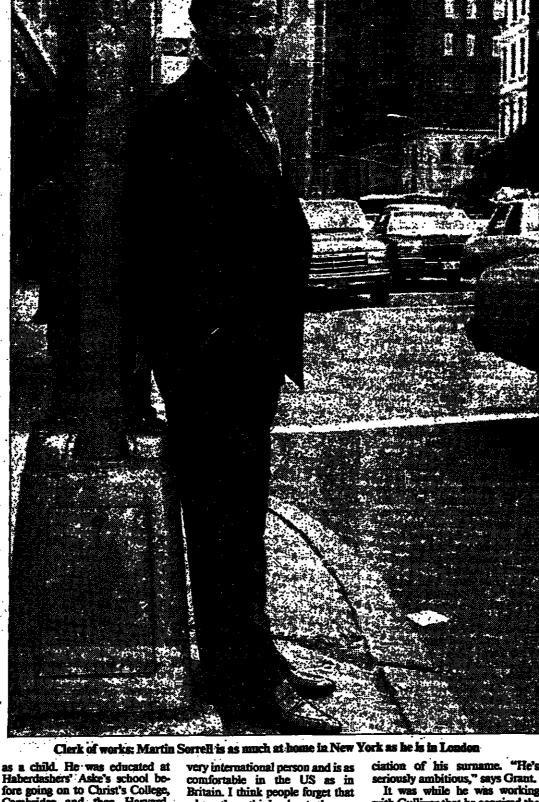
Simon Schama, the Harvard University bistorian and a friend of Sorrell's from childhood, says Jack Sorrell was an immensely affable and charming man, a London Jew who was very proud of his Britishness. "Martin was very much in love with his father," says Schama.

Sorrell, in typically understated fashion, plays down his back-ground. "He comes from a very good Jewish family but he does not wear his Judaism on his sleeve," says Alistair Grant, chairman and chief executive of Argyll, a friend of Sorrell's and an ex-

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Sorrell's father died last year just after WPP's most ambitious deal to date, the acquisition of Ogilvy Group for £527 million. The death of his father affected him greatly and came when Sorrell was under fire for having done the Ogilvy deal and under pressure from the City. WPP's shares have fallen from 714p to 390p this year amid worries about the group's debt and slowing rate of growth. Sorrell is still very close to his mother. He says she spoiled him



Cambridge and then Harvard, where he took a MBA. His career progression has a

smooth, regular feel to it. On leaving Harvarti in 1968 he went to work for Glendenning Associates, a consultancy firm, in America. Joey Smilow, his first boss, who now runs Playtex, says Sorrell approached Glendenning for the job. He stayed for only a year, partly because there was a risk of being drafted into the American army. He left to join Mark McCormack, the entrepreneur, who was managing a host of sporting stars and Jean Shrimpton, the model.

After four years, he left Mc-Cormack and went to work for James Gulliver who had formed James Gulliver Associates. It was while he was working for JGA, as Gulliver's personal assistant, that he met Alistair Grant. Grant remembers Sorrell's distike of the vulgar or the pompous. A trait that is still very much to the fore in Sorrell's personality. Friends say his disdain of the vulgar gives him a sense of superiority. Simon Schama, half in jest, half in earnest, says: "He does have a warped sense of values." Others see it as a type of snobbery. Grant says of Sorrell: "He is a

when they think about the acquisitions of JWT and Ogilvy, For him, a large US takeover is less daunting than it would be for most

Sorrell spends a good deal of his time in America and slips easily into American culture and language, even changing the pronun-

ciation of his surname. "He's seriously ambitious," says Grant, It was while he was working with Gulliver that he acquired the taste for creating "thumping great big businesses" and first came into contact with the Saatchi brothers.

Gulliver had a stake in Compton Partners, then Britain's eleventh largest advertising agency, into which the Saatchis were attempting to reverse. Sorrell, as the

funds, was sent to check out the newcomers. By 1977 he was spending more than a day a week doing corporate finance work for Saatchis and by the end of the year he was working full-time for the brothers as group financal direc-tor, a post he held until March 17 1986, a day that sticks in his

memory. Sorrell is reticent about his relationship with the Saatchi brothers and there is no love lost between them these days. The last time Sorrell saw Charles Saatchi was last April in Italy. They bumped into each other accidentally. But for eight-and-a-half years Sorrell worked closely with the brothers, particularly Maurice.

"Don't be fooled," says a friend of the Saatchis. "The third Saatchi was not Tim Bell, it was Martin Sorrell." "I was just a junior partner at Saatchi," says Sorrell. It was Sorrell who gave the Saatchis respectability in the City. He liaised with the institutions and gave the group a financial agencies at that time lacked. The Saatchis' stated ambition was to create the world's largest advertising group. Sorrell devised the ocial strategy that made that possible and there is some debate as to the degree of responsibility Sorrell bears for the Saatchis'

current problems. "It was a do-it-

yourself multi-national," Sorrell

says of Saatchi & Saatchi. He finds it difficult to speak of the solit with the Saatchis and has never been heard to say a word against the brothers, but when pushed for an explanation admits that they felt betrayed by him. On leaving Saatchi, Sorrell had com-mitted himself to concentrating on "below the line" marketing companies. The acquisition of JWT, the jewel of the advertising world and a prize much coveted by the Saatchis, changed all that. The relationship never recovered from

this acquisition.

The Saatchis' jealousy of their one-time prodigy is explained in part by their philosophy. Sorrell says: "Maurice had a quote: 'It's not enough for us to succeed, others must fail'. There was a thing they used to read you at Saatchis called the gutter speech, which went: 'We found you in the gutter, we made you the man you are, you should be grateful for what we did for you'."

Joey Smilow remembers that when Sorrell worked at Saatchis he had a concerted campaign to bring Smilow on board as a client. "He used to say the Saatchis thought a financial guy could not bring in new business and he wanted to prove them wrong." It is no coincidence that it is Sorrell, through WPP, who has realised the Saatchis' chief ambition, to be the biggest in the world. Sorrell, the antithesis of everything the brothers stand for, admits to a

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man who looked after Gulliver's certain sadness that his links with the Saatchis have been severed.

Apart from his business, Sorrell's other declared passion is his family, which he keeps hidden from public view. He met his wife Sandra Finestone, a teacher, in 1970 on a blind date organised by a mutual friend. They married the following year and have three sons, Mark, aged 17, Robert, aged 16, and Jonathan, aged 13, all at public school. Sorrell, orthodox in his religious belief, likes the family to be together on Friday evenings. A friend describes his wife as:

"A typical, genteel, Jewish princess, very attractive if a trifle formal. The Sorrell boys are extremely well behaved, incred-ibly polite." "It's not unknown for Sorrell to be working in his office at 9.00pm and his wife to be sitting waiting for him in the car outside," says another.

orrell is vague about his motivation. Although wealthy, his shareholding in WPP is worth in excess of £3.5 million, it is not money that drives him. His Hampstead, north London, home is elegant but unpretentious. There is a skiing flat in Switzerland and he is driven about in a Ford Scorpio. His cravings are not of the type that can be satisfied by luxury. They are more subtle.

Schama describes him as a sensitive man and an emotional person who is in part motivated by intellectual challenges. "He was incredibly devoted to his father who had a tremendous talent but not the sort of freedom which Martin has. His father gave Martin a sense of dignity about

Much of what he has done is a tribute to his father.

Sorrell is as interesting for his secrets as for the things he reveals. Few of his friends know about the near fatal car crash in which he was involved as a student in America. Sorrell still bears the fading, facial scars and even now hates to be photographed. He dismisses the crash saying only that he spent a couple of days in hospital

Schama remembers it differently. "It was the end of a languid, golden day in New York," he says. "Martin was visiting relatives and we were about to return to England. I received a phonecall. Martin had been in a car crash which very nearly killed him. He lost a lot of blood and was in hospital for a long time. It was extremely traumatic for him. He never talks about it and I still don't think he

"He has always been an intense person, he even plays cricket intensely, and has always grabbed life with both hands. But that unforgettable afternoon left him with an accute sense of the urgency of life."

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Greens reach the bottom line

IT IS not often that Californians C A P I T A L are caught out in the fashionable campaign for a greener earth. After decades of choking themselves on car fumes and not paying too much attention to the chemicals used to produce maximum yield on food, America's most heavily populated state now takes a certain pride in its improved awareness of the environment. It was all the more of a shock to

them when it was revealed that parts of the business community did not seem to be taking the same responsible attitude. At many companies, the bottom line seemed to eclipse the desire to cleanse the planet And at one, the line was the

bonom. American Enviro Products of Placentia, California, makes disposable nappies called Bunnies, which the makers claim would degrade in three to five

Four out of every five American parents prefer disposable nappies and 16 billion are sold every year. But after an investigation by a

special task force of attorneygenerals from ten states, American Enviro agreed to alter its claim that Bunnies were good for the environment. The company also agreed to change the packaging for the nappies and paid \$5,000 in settlement costs to each of ten states.

Bunnies is not the only target for the "green" label watchdog Government lawyers in seven states have sued Mobile Chemical Company over degradability claims it made for its Hefty

other actions are expected to follow in the wake of California, Florida, New York, Massachusetts, Missouri, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin and Min-

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Nappies: companies act

nesota banding together and demanding federal standards on "green" advertising.

Susan Birmingham, solid waste policy analyst for a branch of the consumer organisation of Ralph Nader, said: "At the moment the companies can get away with whatever they want. There are no rules governing the environmental claims that some companies give to their products.

"This kind of misleading labelling is lying. It's selling a product under false pretences. It is the worst form of cynicism because you are taking someone's genuine concern for the environment and deceiving them over it," she said. Congress is expected to act soon in what is likely to be the first legally enforceable national stan-dard on label claims outside the food and drug industries.

Although no formal study has been made, consumer groups say shoppers are likely to spend more on a product that they are led to believe is kinder to the planet in preference to a cheaper rival that may cause damage.

The supermarket shelves are now lined with new products which, to the casual observer, look much the same as the old ones, but whose labels now carry cosy, comforting, "green" phrases such as "environmentally friendly", and "safe for the environment".

Lever Brothers defends using terms like recyclable or compostable because it claims the words stimulate community interest. Proctor & Gamble, whose disposable diapers - Pampers and Luvs - account for 18 per cent of its \$24 billion sales, has said it will spend \$20 million in research to test whether the nappies would break down entirely into humus.

California has now taken steps to control the use of vague label phrasing intended to imply a corporate concern for the environment. But the green campaign in the state, which houses 30 million people and grows at 1,300 people a day, received a severe setback in

dections last week.

A proposal sponsored by Tom Hayden, estranged husband of Jane Fonda, to cleanse the environment of cancer-causing chemicals and pesticides was voted down after a massive campaign from the chemical, oil and agricultural industries.

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Top Tories wait in the wings to enter second-round challenge



Hurd: no secret that he has achieved his ambition

ONE of the key moments of the Tory leadership campaign was Douglas Hurd's public confirmation on Friday that he would consider throwing his hat into the ring if Margaret Thatcher

were no longer a candidate. Although the foreign secretary clearly had no intention of sabotaging the prime minister's campaign, the remarks gave an inducement to those who wanted neither Mrs Thatcher nor Michael Heseltine as party leader to abstain, so pushing the contest into a second round that would allow Mr Hurd and others to

Nobody in the Thatcher camp is blaming Mr Hurd for that, however. The first rule of politics is never to say never. Had he ruled himself out of all ballots, it could have given the impression that Mr Heseltine would have a

Other ministers will be weigh-

ing their own positions carefully over the next 36 hours to decide what they should do if the officially unthinkable occurs and Mrs Thatcher stands down after the first ballot. A ballot without Mrs Thatcher could have a vastly increased field with candidates believing they have a chance of the crown, or merely putting down markers for the future.

The potential candidates for a ballot without Mrs Thatcher are: Douglas Hard: The foreign secretary is the man most spoken of as the "unity" candidate, the healer who would come in on the second ballot backed by MPs who want the Thatcher reign to end but cannot stomach the idea. of a Heseltine succession. He has never expressed much interest in leading the Tory party and enjoys a life outside politics.

He virtually ruled himself out as recently as the Conservative narty conference and he makes little secret of the fact that he has achieved his ultimate political ambition of being in charge of

who might back him would like to see more demonstration that he really wants the top job and he has failed to catch the public imagination. He remains a live contender, however, and some Conservative MPs intend either to vote for Mr Heseltine or abstain on the first ballot in the

John Major: The Chancellor of the Exchequer is the other main "stop Heseltine" candidate. He has risen so fast, becoming foreign secretary after only 10 years as an MP and Chancellor soon afterwards, that he might be forgiven for thinking that destray beckons yet again. His name is being pressed by MPs on left and right of the party, the right clearly believing that he would take a tougher, closer-to-Thatcher line on Europe than Mr Hurd. Some senior supporters believe that at the age of 47 he can afford to wait until he has more experience. Norman Tebbit: The former

hope of attracting Mr Hurd into

party chairman, aged 59, who is helping to run Mrs Thatcher's campaign, has always said that he would never stand against her, but he has also made plain that he would never give Mr Heseltine a free run at the leadership. He expects Mrs Thatcher to win tomorrow, but were she to step down he would

consider his position very

carefully. Sir Geoffrey Howe: The man who provoked the contest still seems unlikely to be a player. Prom the night he resigned Sir Geoffrey, aged 63, has been letting it be known that he would not challenge Mrs Thatcher. Since his resignation speech his friends have again emphasised that he would be unlikely to come forward at a later stage. Kenneth Baker: The Conservative party chairman finds himself in an awkward spot. A one-time Heathite with clear leadership ambitions, he is forced to play the loyalty card by the job he holds. MPs believe that he has

of the party, seeing a vacuum between the appeal of Michael Heseltine in one political generation and Chris Patten in the next and that of Norman Tebbit. Chris Patten: Still aged only 46,

the environment secretary has long been seen as one of the Conservative party's great hopes for the future. A former director of the party's research, he is very much at the "wet" end of the party although he long ago made his peace with Thatcherite economics. Articulate, thoughtful and popular, he would be expected to back a Hurd challenge.

Kenneth Clarke: The new education secretary has shown his

self-confidence by publicly facing down Mrs Thatcher over her beloved education vouchers. After a year or two in the doldrums as health secretary, he was felt to have disappeared from the leadership race in which he had seemed likely to be a serious contender. MPs now rate him as a man on the way back.



MPS well from party

Thatcher 'did not allow Westland discussion'

By PHILIP WERSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

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Whisky has always maintained its sense of decorum.

MICHAEL Heseltine yesterday played the Westland card in the Conservative leadership contest by asserting that he had warned the prime minister five weeks before his resignation in 1986 that he would go if denied the opportunity of putting his case to the

He revived memories of his dramatic walkout from the cabinet in January 1986, alleging that Mrs Thatcher had read to that meeting the conclusions of a discussion that had not taken place. "They were already written before the meeting started. Mrs Thatcher was not prepared to allow my case to be put to the cabinet." He had warned her that he

would leave if he was denied his constitutional right to put his case for a European takeover of the ailing Westland helicopter company to the cabinet.

Interviewed on the BBC's On The Record television programme, he said he was denied his constitutional right. "I folded my papers and said I could not remain a member of this government. I left very quietly in such a way that

other members did not know what was happening. That doesn't look to me like a great row or trauma. It was a very difficult decision. The prime minister knew I would make that decision if I was denied

He has claimed that Mrs Thatcher wanted to railroad the government into leaving the way clear for the United Sikorsky-Fiat deal to secure Westland's future. Mr Heseltine made plain that he was making the disclosure in response to reports that the prime minister regarded him as having been unable to accept collective cabinet responsibility over Westland. The kernel of his case has been that he was unable to raise the issue before the whole cabinet.

Downing Street countered Mr Heseltine's claims last night. It was said that Mrs Thatcher felt he had left because he had been unable to persuade the majority of his colleagues to his point of view. He left because he had been unable to accept the prime minister's insistence that all statements be cleared with the Cabinet Office.



Annabel Heseltine smoothing her father's ruffled hair yesterday with her sister Alexandra, left, brother Rupert and mother Anne

However Mr Heseltine was clearly recalling the episode to back his argument that Mrs Thatcher relies too little on collective cabinet discussion. He said: "When Nigel Lawson and then Sir Geoffrey Howe went, it was the sad reflection of a situation with

which I was all too familiar." The former defence secretary used the 45-minute interview again to sketch out his personal manifesto. He said that people were looking for "a new dimension, a new Tory face, a new way of explaining how we go forward from where we are". He had a "particular feel" for that vital part of the electorate, ex-Tory voters,

who said they would not vote Conservative again unless there was a change of leader.

He alleged that Mrs Thatcher had "got it wrong" in saying that transferring education costs from community charge bills to the central exchequer would mean 4p in the pound on income tax. But he admitted there could be "no quick fix".

Mr Heseltine said that as environment and then defence secretary he was for six years at the forefront of what Mrs Thatcher achieved. "The issue is how we protect it and take it on into the 1990s, protect the achievements of the 1980s from the appalling

consequences of a Labour government. It looks as though I would be more likely to lead a Conservative victory than Mrs Thatcher.

Mr Heseltine referred to an opinion poll which showed that 91 per cent of people wanted the fundamental review he had promised of the community charge. There are many different options

and all can be considered." On European affairs, he issued a warning that if Britain stood aside from events on the Continent "gradually over 20 years you will find the pre-eminence of the City of London dissipated". He supported John Major's plan for a

hard ecu which could evolve into a single currency. When it was put to him that Mrs Thatcher would not allow this to be put to Parliament, he asked: "Is Parliament not to be allowed to consider these matters? That is the essence of the problem."He added: "You can call an ecu a pound in Britain. A single currency does not need a single name, but it does need a single value."

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A Harris poll in The Observer.

quizzing 1,101 electors in 50

constituencies nation-wide, gave

Hurd, and 5 Mr Major as leader.

ICM, which interviewed 947

people in 103 constituencies on

Friday for The Sunday Corres-

pondent, found that 79 per cent of

1987 Conservative supporters

who intend to defect if Mrs

Thatcher stays as leader would stay if Mr Heseltine were to

Marginal Tory MPs back status quo in letter

By ROBIN OAKLEY POLITICAL EDITOR

MARGARET Thatcher's leadership campaign is given a boost today by 13 MPs in the most marginal Tory-held seats.

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The Times today publishes a letter from 15 Tory MPs, all in marginal seats that Labour would have to win to form a government, declaring that they believe their best hope of retaining them will be under Mrs Thatcher's leadership. Thirteen of the 15 hold seats among Labour's easiest targets in the most marginal 40.

As well as the 13 from those 40 seats who have signed the letter, Thatcher campaigners claim positive support from another ten MPs. Ministers were not approached to sign the letter, but ministers in the key marginal seats include Francis Maude, Michael Fallon and Michael Forsyth, all known Thatcher supporters.

In Britain's second most marginal seat is George Younger, Mrs Thatcher's campaign manager, who retires at the next election. His majority in Ayr is 182 votes. Michael Heseltine's campaign has been based on his claim that he has a better chance of winning an election for the Tories than does Mrs Thatcher, saving the careers of MPs in marginal seats.

Gerald Howarth, who has a 4.9 per cent majority in Cannock and Burntwood, said he was ap-proached last week by Mr Heseltine, who said: "I could save your seat for you." Mr Howarth

US views an upset with equanimity

From MARTIN FLETCHER

IN THE Bush administration's first public comment on the Conservative leadership election, Richard Cheney, the US defence secretary, said yesterday that the international coalition arrayed against Iraq would not be weakened if Margaret Thatcher were replaced as prime minister by Michael Heseltine.

Mrs Thatcher has been Wash ington's most robust and outspoken ally since the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, and was the first European leader to commit forces to the region, but when Mr Chency was asked during a tele-vision interview whether her departure would be a setback, he replied: "I don't think so."

He continued: "I happen to be a fan of Maggie Thatcher's, al-though I don't want to get involved in British Conservative politics. But Mr Heseltine's policies towards the Gulf have basically been the same. You would still have, I think, a Conservative party philosophy with respect to the Gulf that would be very sup-

Privately, administration of-ficials said last week that Mrs

Opinion polls say challenger would boost party's chances

By ROBIN OAKLEY AND ROBERT WORCESTEE

A MASS of opinion poli data at the weekend provided Conservative MPs with strong evidence that electing Michael Heseltine as leader could dramatically improve their party's popularity.

His election would cause a swing to the Conservatives ofbetween 6 and 10 percentage points overnight, according to five different surveys carried out between last Wednesday and Saturday. The figures show that the former defence secretary appeals particularly strongly to the types of voters the Tories need to win back. He receives support among Conservative defectors since 1987, among former Alliance voters and also among new voters. Backing for Mrs Thatcher is concentrated among diehard supporters. None of the potential entrants to a second-round leadership contest, if Mrs Thatcher opted out then, attracts anything like Mr Heseltine's support. The polls suggest that if Douglas Hurd

were leader the party would still lag far behind Labour. A Mori survey for The Sunday Times, taken among 1,052 electors on Friday, asked: "Under which Mrs Thatcher only half the support of her challenger, 38 per cent preferred Mr Heschine, 19 Mrs Thatcher, 10 Mr Tebbit, 9 Mr

leader do you think the Conservative party would stand the best chance of winning the next general election?". Forty-one per cent chose Mr Heseltine, 20 the prime minister. Sir Geoffrey Howe was third on 14, Douglas Hurd got6, John Major 4, Norman Tebbit 3, while 12 per cent did not know.

When asked: "Do you think that the general economic condition of the country will improve, stay the same, or get worse over the next 12 months, assuming Mrs Thatcher remains as prime minister?", only 14 per cent believed there would be any improvement and 57 per cent thought it would get worse, a net economic optimism index of -43 per cent. If Mr Heseltine were prime minister the index jumped to +8 per cent, a swing of +25.5 per cent.

NMR's survey on Friday and Saturday for The Independent On Sunday was among 1,107 electors in 55 sampling points, and similar to Mon's poll in The Times on

Friday. It found a 2 per cent Labour lead if there were a general election tomorrow. If Mr Heseltine were to become leader, however, NMR produced a Conservative lead of 10 per cent.

In a Gallup telephone poll for the Sunday Telegraph on voting intention Labour had 48 per cent, Conservatives 35, Liberal Democrats 11, and others 6. If Heseltine were leader 23 per cent of all those

declined the offer. Call to end vote

'monstrosity'

THE outcome of the leadership contest has no constitutional status and Mrs Thatcher could remain prime minister unless she was defeated by a vote of no confidence in parliament, according to Lord S John of Fawsley, a former leader of the Commons.

"The constitutional position is of crystal clarity," he said. "Reigning prime ministers cannot he removed from office against their will save by one thing - the carrying of a vote of no confidence on the floor of the Commons." Lord St John called for the abolition of the Tory leadership election proces, which he called "a constitutional monstrosity".

Currie criticism

Edwina Currie the former junior health ministe, yesterday stepped up her criticist of Margaret Thatcher, after inlicating that she would not be bring for the prime minister. She said that she was pro-European and added: "Margaret seems to have turned increasingly hatile to that." She also attacked Mrs Thatcher's view that a reactive of conthat a pajorit of one more than the required number of votes is the bliot would be enough to keep her/ power.

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Thatcher's removal during the Gulf crisis would be a blow. The control of the co

HOW POLLS VIEW THE LEADERSHIP RACE

office. "Sublime to the end", it said, with a picture showing its

heroine battling the elements.

The object of its admiration was not Margaret Thatcher but Flor-ence Arthaud, described as "brilliant but difficult", who looks like becoming the first woman to win the annual single-handed yacht race from France to Guadeloupe. Not a word about the British

leadership contest appeared in the Journal or in Saturday's Le

Monde. A certain ennui seemed to

The readers of Frankfurter

Allgemeine Zeitung needed no reminder. The paper, one of the few to discuss the challenge, welcomed the prospect as "a fresh breeze" and headed its comment "Maggie, Maggie — bye bye".
"Only the most unwavering of

Tory voters still count on Thatcher," it said, "Heseltine brings hope once again of an openminded Conservative party after Mrs Thatcher's dogmatism which despises consensus. have overcome not just the French media but much of Europe. A NRC Handelsblad portrays her

leave her in it. "A party which handles its mandate in a way that the Conservatives have shown deserves to have a chance to sit on

the opposition benches," it said.
The Italian daily La Repubblica drew a parallel between Winston Churchill's losing office during the 1945 post-war summit at Potsdam and the possibility that the same might happen to Mrs Thatcher during the Paris security summit. The possibility of change, how-

ever, has caused a shudder in Gibraltar, incredulity in Moscow, and dismay in South Africa. The Gibchallenge without commen

flecting a disbelief that she uld be seriously threatened. The South African profit against sanctions, portra against sanctions, post forms as the friend who could be but leave them to put their house

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The Citizen, a pro-perment daily, said last week, we have a very important staken the outcome of the leaders p struggle, since life without Maggie is

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